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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

California budget OK'd: Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a \$105 billion California state budget into law, noting that no new taxes were imposed while balancing spending with income.

The Republican governor failed to mention that \$7 billion in loans and one-time savings are embedded in the spending plan.

After a nearly one-month deadlock, the California Legislature gave final approval on the budget last week. Although Democrats and Republicans found much to complain about in the spending plan, they largely agreed in the end that it represented a good compromise.

Missing Utah woman: Authorities investigating the case of a missing woman were surprised by her relatives' announcement that new information from her husband had prompted them to tell volunteers to stop searching for her.

The statement released late Saturday by the families of Mark and Lori Hacking did not say what Mark Hacking had told them. Lori Hacking, 27, has been missing since July 19, when Mark Hacking told authorities that she failed to return from an early morning jog.

Scott Peterson trial: Two judges reached a decision on whether public funds will be used to subsidize Scott Peterson's defense in his murder trial, but the ruling remains confidential, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Peterson's lawyer, Mark Geragos, and court officials cited state confidentiality laws when declining to comment, according to The Modesto Bee.

California law allows indigent defendants in capital cases to seek public money to pay investigators and expert witnesses. The decision on the request for public funding by Peterson's lawyers was made in Stanislaus County on Friday, the Bee reported.

Peterson is accused of killing his pregnant wife, Laci, and dumping her body into San Francisco Bay.

World

Ex-Gitmo detainees still behind bars: A judge ordered four Frenchmen, returned to France after more than two years at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to be kept in jail, judicial officials said Sunday.

The four — Mourad Benchellali, Imad Kanioui, Nizar Sassi and Ibrahim Yadel — were handed to French authorities Tuesday.



Wildfires: A truck passes by flames fanned by the wind from a wildfire near Thorp Prairie Road east of Cle Elum, Wash. Authorities said the blaze appears to be the work of an arsonist who has set 10 other fires in central Washington in the past two months. About 100 homes remained evacuated Saturday evening.

Authorities here struggled for months to secure their release and are still negotiating the return of three other Frenchmen held at the lockup in Cuba.

On Sunday, a judge ordered the four suspects jailed provisionally in France — a decision defense lawyers plan to challenge.

Pakistan assassination attempt: An investigation into the failed assassination attempt against Pakistan's prime minister-designate have been made, a government minister and other officials said Sunday.

Tatters of clothing believed worn by the bomber in Friday's attack on Shaikat Aziz have been found at the scene of the blast, along with the man's head, a senior official said on condition of anonymity.

South Asia flooding: Thousands of children in flood-devastated Bangladesh are suffering from hunger and disease due to a lack of basic food and medicine, doctors and relief agencies said, as the death toll from monsoon rains in the region topped 1,500. Volunteer agencies and relief officials, who are distributing food, drinking water and medicine here, complain there is not enough milk formula or cereals to feed infants, and say a shortage of oral saline solution to rehydrate those suffering from diarrhea is hampering treatment efforts.

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Iran's nuclear ambitions: Iran on Sunday said it will continue to pursue acquiring nuclear energy and would not succumb to pressure or accept any conditions.

Government spokesman Hamid Reza Aseli, speaking to reporters, said Iran continues to talk to Britain, France and Germany on the use of nuclear energy.

Iranian officials have been holding talks in Paris with the European powers since Thursday to try to reach a consensus on Tehran's nuclear program.

The talks in Paris prepare the ground for a September meeting of the board of governors of the IAEA, which is expected to discuss Iran's program.

War on Terror

Iraq-Iran relations: Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi rejected Saturday the allegation his country is undermining security in Iraq.

Earlier this month, Iraqi Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan said Iran was Iraq's "first enemy" because it was playing a role in the insurgency. Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi later distanced his government from the remark.

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Explosions target Iraq Christian churches

By OMAR SINAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A series of coordinated explosions rocked five churches across Baghdad and the northern city of Mosul on Sunday, killing at least two people and injuring 38 others in the first attacks targeting the country's Christian minority in a violent 15-month insurgency.

Two explosions just minutes apart shook separate Baghdad churches in a largely Christian neighborhood during Sunday evening services, followed shortly by two more explosions at churches in other areas of the capital. A car bomb and grenade attack hit a church in Mosul at roughly the same time, Iraqi officials said.

Many of the country's Christians had become increasingly concerned about the rising Islamic fundamentalism here and some had fled to neighboring countries to wait until the security and political situation became more calm.

"What are the Muslims doing? Does this mean that they want us out?" asked Brother Louis, a deacon at the Our Lady of Salvation, as he cried outside the Assyrian Catholic church. "Those people who commit these awful criminal acts have nothing to do with God. They go to hell."

U.S. military officials in Baghdad's Karada neighborhood, where the first two churches were bombed, said they found a third bomb in front of another



U.S. soldiers and Iraqis gather Sunday at the scene of a car bombing at a church in Mosul, Iraq. A series of coordinated explosions rocked churches across Baghdad and Mosul on Sunday, killing at least two people and injuring about 60 others in the first attacks targeting the country's Christian minority since the 15-month violent insurgency began.

church that had not exploded. Karada is home to many of the city's Christians and many of its churches.

"We were in the Mass and suddenly we heard a big boom, and I couldn't feel my body anymore, I didn't feel anything," said Marwan Saqiq, who was covered in

blood. "I saw people taking me out with the wood and glass shattered everywhere."

U.S. military officials said at least one and possibly both of the blasts appeared to have come from booby trapped cars.

The explosions in Baghdad killed one person and wounded

27 others, according to the Health Ministry. The blasts in Mosul killed one and wounded 11, said police Maj. Fawaz Fannan.

In Mosul, about 220 miles north of Baghdad, a car bomb blew up next to a Catholic church while worshippers were coming out of Mass, police Maj. Raed Abdel

Basit said. Several rocket-propelled grenades were launched at the church, Bowman said.

The bomb, inside a white Toyota, blew up about 7 p.m. just yards from the church, said Ghaleb Wadea, 50-year-old engineer who lives next door. Debris from the exploded car were scattered about the site, with some hanging off a nearby electricity pylon.

A bridge in Mosul was also hit, Bowman said.

Interior Ministry spokesman Sabah Kadhim said a total of four churches were hit in Baghdad — two in Karada, one in the Dora neighborhood and one in New Baghdad.

The first blast in Baghdad hit outside an Armenian church just 15 minutes into the evening service, witnesses said. The second blast hit the Assyrian Catholic church about 500 yards away.

The Vatican expressed worry Sunday over a series of explosions targeting Christian churches in Iraq.

"It's terrible and worrisome because it's the first time in Iraq that Christian churches have been targeted," said a Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini.

The attacks are "ever more worrisome because the Catholic Church has always been on the front line in the commitment for peace and solidarity toward all," Benedettini said. "It appears that there's the desire to increase tension, trying to involve all social groups, including the churches."

Pope John Paul II was a staunch opponent of preventive war against Iraq.

Powell urges Poland to maintain Iraq help

The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Poland reaffirmed Sunday during a visit by Secretary of State Colin Powell that it intends to reduce its troop presence in Iraq once security there improves.

Powell, in Warsaw for ceremonies marking the 60th anniversary of the anti-Nazi Warsaw Uprising, expressed sorrow for Polish losses in Iraq but argued that international help is still needed to quash the insurgency and rebuild Iraq.

"Freedom costs lives," Powell said, after expressing U.S. condolences for the death of a Polish soldier in Iraq last week.

"But freedom is important. We must now stand with the people of Iraq as they try to build a better life for themselves."

Poland commands a multinational mission in south-central Iraq that has shrunk in size from 9,500 troops to about 6,200 as Spain, Philippines and other countries have brought troops home in response to domestic opposition to the occupation.

The Defense Ministry said last month it would cut its troop levels from about 2,400 to between 1,000 and 1,500 in January.

Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz said after talks with Powell that the reduction could begin after Iraq holds elections.

"We believe the political process going on in Iraq will result in stronger security in this country," Cimoszewicz told a joint news conference.

"We believe that that opens the possibility to reduce our military personnel."

But he added, "We understand very well our co-responsibility in the success of the coalition."

Powell expressed admiration for the love of freedom that Polish fighters — most of them civilians — showed during the 1944 uprising, and urged leaders to channel that spirit into continuing to help in Iraq.

"Twenty-five million people have been freed from tyranny and dictatorship has been overthrown," Powell said.

"The Iraq people are looking to the international community to give them support now."



Powell

Heavy fighting shakes Fallujah

By TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

The campaign of violence waged by insurgents since the fall of Saddam Hussein has not waned, despite last month's transfer of sovereignty from the U.S. occupation authority.

In Fallujah, U.S. forces briefly entered the edge of the city overnight in fighting that shook the area with huge explosions.

Marines were firing tanks at insurgents who had opened fire on them with mortars, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, the military said. Coalition aircraft also dropped guided bombs on a building in an industrial zone from which gunmen were firing, the military said.

At least 12 people were killed and 39 wounded in the fighting, a Health Ministry official said on condition of anonymity. The U.S. military said it had killed 10 assailants during the clashes.

Meanwhile, a tribal leader mediating with kidnappers for the release of seven kidnapped truck drivers said talks had hit a dead end, denying claims by the Kenyan government that the men had been freed.

"The two sides were unable to reach an agree-

ment. I don't know what's going to happen now," said Sheikh Hisham al-Dulaimi. He said there was no longer contact with the hostage-takers. The captives "have not been released," he said.

The three Kenyans, three Indians and one Egyptian have been held since July 21, and their kidnappers — calling themselves "The Holders of the Black Banners" — have threatened to kill them unless the Kuwaiti company that employs them withdraws from Iraq.

The company, Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Co., had been working with al-Dulaimi to win the hostages' release. Al-Dulaimi did not give details on the breakdown in talks.

Two Turkish companies said Sunday they might stop doing business in Iraq in order to secure the release of two Turkish truck drivers whose abduction was announced in a videotape broadcast on Al-Jazeera television Saturday.

Also on Sunday, a roadside bomb hit a 1st Infantry Division patrol in Samarra, a suburb of violence 60 miles northwest of Baghdad, killing a U.S. soldier and wounding two others.

Once feared beheaded, Marine goes on leave

By MARK THIESSEN
The Associated Press

WEST JORDAN, Utah — An Arab-American Marine once feared beheaded by terrorists in Iraq arrived at his brother's house after being granted military leave.

A family member moving cars

in a driveway said Saturday evening that Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun had arrived. Television footage showed Hassoun slipping into a side door at his brother's suburban house.

Hassoun was not making an appearance for reporters waiting outside the house of his brother, Mohamad Hassoun. The family

member, who refused to give his name, said the family would be making no statement.

Hassoun, 24, has been under a cloud of suspicion since failing to report for duty June 20. Videotape surfaced showing him apparently kidnapped, with a banner showing a sword hanging over his head.

He later turned up at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut.

IN THE WORLD



Soldiers in China's Peoples Liberation Army parade in Hong Kong marking the 77th anniversary of the PLA which won control of mainland China for Mao Zedong's Communists amid civil war in 1949. China's military staged its first parade in Hong Kong on Sunday, with 3,000 soldiers marching crisply in formation.

China shows military might just before Hong Kong election

BY HELEN LUK
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — China's military staged its first parade in Hong Kong on Sunday, with 3,000 soldiers marching crisply in formation along with armored vehicles and helicopters, in a display of Beijing's military might in the territory.

Chinese officials say the parade was aimed at strengthening Hong Kong's relations with the People's Liberation Army and boosting "patriotism" in the former British colony. But some saw it as a reminder by Beijing of who's in charge amid tensions over the expected victory of pro-democracy candidates in September elections.

The parade "displays the army's strength and determination to maintain Hong Kong's prosperity and stability," said Wang Jintan, commander of the PLA's Hong Kong garrison.

The army invited pro-democracy lawmakers to the event, held at a barracks on the outskirts of town. Yeung Sum, Hong Kong's top opposition party leader, watched the parade with eight other Democratic Party lawmakers.

"They are very well-trained and disciplined and leave us with a lasting impression," he said.

China has long viewed pro-democracy politicians as troublemakers and has barred some from entering the mainland, so the invitation was presented as an attempt to build bridges.

But the goodwill gesture came with a barb, as op-

position figures stood at attention as the PLA marched past. Many in Hong Kong are suspicious of the Chinese military, remembering the use of tanks and troops against Beijing's Tiananmen Square pro-democracy movement on June 4, 1989. Activists routinely hold annual candlelight vigils to mark the deaths of hundreds — if not thousands — of unarmed people at Tiananmen.

The PLA has been here since Hong Kong's 1997 return to China, but its troops usually stay in their barracks and keep an extremely low profile. The parade marked the 77th anniversary of the PLA, which won control of mainland China for Mao Zedong's Communists amid civil war in 1949.

Yeung, the pro-democracy leader, said he didn't see the invite to the march as a breakthrough in Beijing's relations with Hong Kong's opposition.

"This is just a ceremony and not real communication," he said, adding that the lawmakers didn't have a chance to talk with mainland officials at the event.

He said he hoped the opposition can visit Beijing and discuss democracy with leaders there after September's legislative elections, in which ordinary people will directly choose half of 60 lawmakers.

The voters are expected to side overwhelmingly with anti-government and pro-democracy candidates, which could spell political trouble for Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa.

The remaining seats are to be filled by special interest groups such as business executives, doctors and bankers.

Schroeder acknowledges Polish suffering under Nazis

BY TONY CZUZKA
The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — In a gesture of humility, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder bowed on the steps of a memorial to the Warsaw Uprising against the Nazis occupation, acknowledging Sunday the "immeasurable suffering" inflicted by Germans when they crushed the revolt 60 years ago.

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Schroeder became the first German chancellor to attend an anniversary of the two-month uprising, which ended with 200,000 Warsaw residents dead and most of the city systematically destroyed by the Nazis.

"I consider it a great personal honor to have been invited and a big-hearted gesture to my country, which brought such immeasurable suffering to the Poles with the war it started," Schroeder said after talks with Polish Prime Minister Marek Belka.

Schroeder bowed on the steps of the Warsaw Uprising Memorial as a lone trumpet played warsaws. Sirens sounded across Warsaw at 5 p.m., the hour the uprising began on Aug. 1, 1944.

Schroeder, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and Britain's Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott were to pay homage to the Warsaw fighters later Sunday at official ceremonies with Polish

leaders, capping three days of the biggest commemorations ever.

Nearly five years after the Nazis invaded Poland, starting World War II, the Home Army rose up, with Soviet troops just outside Warsaw and Allied forces advancing eastward after the D-Day landings. After the Poles were crushed, the Germans imprisoned fighters and expelled civilians, many of them to concentration camps.

In contrast to the communist era, Poles now could also bitterly recall in public that Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's Red Army stood by on the east bank of the Vistula River.

Stalin maintained the uprising was an irresponsible act that would set back the war effort. But it is widely believed his real motive was fear that the rebels would become Poland's future leadership and resist his scheme of bringing eastern Europe under communist domination.

Arafat loyalists fire on gathering of Fatah officials

BY ALI DARAGHMEH
The Associated Press

NABLUS, West Bank — Masked gunmen loyal to Yasser Arafat broke up a conference of reformers from his Fatah movement who were calling for a "revolution," as the veteran Palestinian leader faced new, sharp divisions among his people.

The incident in the West Bank city of Nablus was just the latest in weeks of internal Palestinian unrest. The unrest centers on charges of widespread corruption in Arafat's administration, and beneath the surface, frustration with lack of progress toward creation of a Palestinian state or economic development after four years of bloody conflict with Israel.

Less than a week after Arafat ended a crisis in the Palestinian Cabinet, he was again under pressure for changes from among his own supporters, although there was no suggestion Arafat himself should go.

About 20 men, all armed and many wearing ski masks, burst into the conference of more than 70 Fatah officials, firing over the heads of the presiding officials and claiming that the conference was an anti-Arafat conspiracy.

The weeklong meeting was meant to discuss reform and new elections for the Fatah leadership, which were last held 15 years ago.

No one was injured by the gunfire, but the meeting broke up.

Several delegates met with the gunmen to discuss whether the conference could continue.

The gunmen identified themselves as members of the Al Awida Brigades, a small militant group.

In a letter released later to reporters, the Fatah leaders warned Arafat that corrupt officials "are using their position in the Palestinian Authority to steal and to break the law," and that the Palestinian government was losing the public's trust.

"President Arafat, this might be the last chance for reforming our situation, before reaching the end. We need a revolution within our Fatah movement," said the letter.

In a separate development, Mohannad Dahlan, a former security chief and powerful figure in the Gaza Strip, threatened huge demonstrations unless Arafat reforms his government within 10 days.

Jordan arrests 3 more in al-Qaida-linked plot

BY JAMAL HALABY
The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Three more militants have been arrested since April in connection with an al-Qaida-linked plot to attack the U.S. Embassy and Jordanian government offices with chemical and conventional weapons, officials said Sunday.

The arrests announced Sunday bring to nine the number detained in the alleged plot. Four others were killed in a police shootout on April 20, while another four remain at large, including Jordanian militant Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi, thought to be directing anti-U.S. attacks in neighboring Iraq and to be a close associate of al-Qaida boss Osama bin Laden, the officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

They said the 17 militants were all arrested with a previously unknown group called Kataba al-Tawhid, Arabic for the Bataillons of Monotheism, which is linked to the al-Qaida terror organization.

Amzi al-Jayusi, the alleged mastermind of the Jordan-based terror cell who was captured in

April, has confessed to military prosecutors about what would have been al-Qaida's first chemical attack, the officials added. Jordanian officials say the plot targeted the Jordanian prime minister's office, the secret service agency, the U.S. Embassy in Jordan and other sites.

The suspects are expected to be charged in a military court with conspiracy to commit terror. No trial date has been set.

In April, Jordan announced it had foiled a terrorist plot blamed on al-Zarqawi. Jordanian authorities said then the suspects plotted to use chemicals and explosives to blow up vital institutions, including Jordan's intelligence department — an attack officials say would have killed thousands of people.

Al-Jayusi and some other suspects in detention had said in televised confessions that their terror plot was funded and financed by al-Zarqawi.

In the videotape posted on the Internet in May, a man who identified himself as al-Zarqawi acknowledged that his group was behind the plot targeting, but denied chemical weapons were to be used.

90 percent of Afghans registered to vote

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — About 90 percent of the Afghan electorate has registered to vote in October's landmark presidential election, the United Nations said Sunday, as it began winding down a registration effort marked by bloody attacks on election staff and voters.

According to the latest U.N. figures, 8.7 million of an estimated 9.8 million eligible voters have collected ID cards that will allow them to cast a ballot when polling begins Oct. 9 in Afghanistan's first-ever direct national vote.

The enthusiastic turnout is a relief for the world body, which has overcome misgivings about Afghanistan's readiness for elections under strong pressure from the United States.

It also was a welcome surprise for



Afghan women wait Sunday at a mosque in Kabul for their turns to sign up to vote in the country's first free elections.

President Hamid Karzai, who is widely expected to defeat 22 rivals to secure a new five-year term.

Registration for elections, which are supposed to cap a U.N.-sponsored peace drive begun after the ouster of the Taliban regime in 2001, started last December in eight Afghan cities, and was extended across the country in the spring.

The response has been strong in the north, west and center of the country, where regional leaders have encouraged their supporters to sign up and hundreds of registration sites have already closed.

Ethnic rivalry in a country deeply scarred by years of infighting has also encouraged communities to make sure they are fully

represented — including through their women, who account for 41 percent of registered voters.

Officials acknowledge cases of people registering more than once, but they say a dab of indelible ink on every voter's finger will limit fraud on polling day. Many underage Afghans also may have slipped through.

Still, registration teams will have to work more in the south and southeast, where a virulent Taliban insurgency threatens to de-couple militant heartlands from the rest of the country.

At least nine people working to prepare the elections have been killed in attacks sometimes claimed by the Taliban, despite efforts by some 20,000 U.S.-led troops to protect the process.

Vatican: Feminism blurs differences for men, women

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican denounced feminism, saying it was trying to blur differences between men and women and threatening the institution of the family based on a mother and a father.

The drive for equality, the Vatican said, makes "homosexuality and heterosexuality virtually equivalent, in a new model of polymorphous sexuality."

The concerns, raised in a 37-page document written by one of Pope John Paul II's closest aides and released Saturday, broke no new ground, maintaining the Church's ban on women priests, for example.

But some observers said they feared how the document might be used.

Paul Lakeland, an expert on the Catholic Church who is a professor at Fairfield University in Connecticut, expressed concern that some language in the document could be used by church conservatives to condemn any form of advocacy for women.

The pamphlet by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the Vatican's orthodox watchdog, was published during a Vatican campaign to protect what it terms the Christian family.

Addressed to bishops worldwide, the document contended that new recent approaches to women's issues are marked by a tendency "to emphasize strongly conditions of subordination in order to give rise to antagonism; women, in order to be themselves, must make themselves the adversaries of men."

Throughout his 25 years as pope, John Paul has repeatedly expressed his admiration for women and their talents, and the document reflected that.

It said women should not be stigmatized or penalized financially for wanting to be homemakers.

It also said women "should be present in the world of work and ... have access to positions of responsibility which allow them to inspire the faith of nations and to promote innovative solutions to economic and social problems."

The document also expressed the Vatican's concern that the blurring of differences between sexes could pose a challenge to church teaching, including the belief, in a reference to Christ, that "the Son of God assumed human nature in its male form."

"This document is welcome," said Riccardo Pedrini, who deals with family policy in the National Alliance, a right-wing party in Premier Silvio Berlusconi's conservative coalition.

Suspected cop killer shot dead in Rome

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO

The Associated Press

ROME — A 10-day manhunt for the suspected killer of a policeman ended in bloodshed before horrified tourists in central Rome, where the fugitive grabbed a Frenchwoman at gunpoint before he was mortally wounded in a shootout with police, officers and witnesses said.

"What does it matter, I'm already dead, I'll kill her," Luciano Liboni yelled as police demanded he surrender outside a subway entrance Saturday, according to Carabinieri paramilitary police. The woman was unharmed.

Liboni, suspected of killing a policeman July 22, had been spotted Saturday morning and surrounded by police near the Circus Maximus, an ancient Roman field that is a major tourist attraction in Rome.

"Our man fired at Liboni, the lady instinctively dropped to the ground," Maj. Attilio Auricchio was quoted as saying by the Italian news agency Apcom. "Her husband feared for his wife's life, but she got up right away, running toward her children."

Private TGS TV news showed the women, looking shaken, being taken away in a police car. A few yards away, a puddle of blood stained the pavement. On the ground was a black knapsack, which police said was Liboni's. It contained \$40,000, which police said they suspected came from robberies, and eight pairs of eyeglasses, which investigators said Liboni kept to change his appearance in a bid to avoid capture.

A few hours after the shootout, Liboni died of head wounds at San Giovanni hospital, where he had undergone surgery, surgeon Stefano Esposito told reporters.

Top Carabinieri officers at a news conference said Liboni fired five shots from his revolver at police near the subway entrance,



Italian Carabinieri officers block access to the shootout scene where Luciano Liboni, suspected of killing a policeman, was mortally wounded Saturday near Rome's Circus Maximus, capping a 10-day manhunt. Police shot Liboni after he fired at police and took a French tourist hostage.

and one of the two motorcycle police who had cornered him fired three shots at the fugitive.

A Roman woman, walking near Piazza Venezia in the heart of the Italian capital, had told police a few minutes earlier that she thought she had recognized Liboni heading toward Circus Maximus, a grassy field where the ancient Romans ran chariot races.

Liboni's photo had been shown on television almost daily since the July 22 slaying of the policeman during a routine check of identity documents in a town near the Adriatic Sea.

Rome has been gripped by news of the manhunt for Liboni since July 24, when police spot-

ted him near the city's main train station.

Then, the suspect escaped in a shoot-by-by, jacking a car with a family inside. After a short drive, Liboni dashed from the car and into a subway entrance, disappearing until Saturday.

Liboni's ability to strike and flee earned him the nickname "The Wolf." He had been on the run for two years. Before the slaying of the policeman, he had been wanted for other shootings, and he had a record of robberies.

'Fahrenheit 9/11' ban

KUWAIT CITY — Kuwait, a major U.S. ally in the Gulf, has banned Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" because it deems the movie insulting to the Saudi Arabian royal family and critical of America's invasion of Iraq, an official said Sunday.

A spokesman at the Kuwait Information Ministry said the film "insulted the Saudi royal family by saying they had common interests with the Bush family and that those interests contradicted with the interests of the American people."

Israel alarmed by arms

JERUSALEM — Israel is trying to prevent an arms deal that would put high-tech U.S.-made air-to-air missiles on Jordanian aircraft, Israeli government and security officials said Sunday.

Israel has asked Congress to delay approval of the deal, which is already in advanced stages. This is the first time Israel has tried to prevent Jordan from buying U.S.-manufactured arms since the two countries signed a peace treaty in 1996.

A Jordanian official said Israel should be unconcerned about the purchase since the two countries are at peace. "Jordan is doing what is required for its interests and for its security," said the official on condition of anonymity. "We don't need either the approval or the blessing of any third country."

From wire reports

IN THE STATES

Financial buildings targets in terror threat

Ridge ups security level to orange for areas of D.C., N.Y.C. and Newark, N.J.

BY JENNIFER C. KERR

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal government warned Sunday of possible terrorist attacks against "iconic" financial institutions in New York City, Washington and Newark, N.J., saying a confluence of intelligence over the weekend pointed to a car or truck bomb.

Specifically, the government named these buildings as potential targets:

- The Citicorp building and the New York Stock Exchange in New York City.
- The International Monetary

Fund and the World Bank buildings in Washington.

■ The Preferred building in Newark.

"The preferred means of attack would be car or truck bombs," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said in a briefing with journalists. "That would be a primary means of attack."

The government said the new intelligence indicated the meticulous planning of al-Qaida.

Ridge said the government's threat level for financial institutions would be raised to orange, or high alert, but would remain at yellow, or elevated, elsewhere.

Ridge said it would be up to New York City officials to decide whether to move to the highest level, red. The city has remained on orange since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The secretary said the government took the unprecedented step of naming specific buildings because of the level of specificity of the intelligence. "This is not the usual chatter. This is multiple sources that involve extraordinary detail," Ridge said.

Ridge acknowledged that protecting these buildings, located in heavily populated areas, would require additional security mea-

sures, especially because thousands of cars and trucks travel through these cities daily.

"Car and truck bombs are one of the most difficult tasks we have in the war on terror," Ridge said.

The government provided a wealth of detail that it had picked up in the past 36 hours, but a senior intelligence official described it only on condition of anonymity. The official described "excruciating detail" and meticulous planning "indicative of al-Qaida."

The official said the intelligence included security in and

around these buildings; the flow of pedestrians; the best places for reconnaissance; how to make contact with employees who work in the buildings; the construction of the buildings; traffic patterns; locations of hospitals and police departments; and which days of the week present less security at these buildings.

A White House spokeswoman, Erin Healy, said the intelligence on the threat is "very new, coming in during the last 72 hours."

The president made the final decision today agreeing with the recommendation of Secretary Ridge to go ahead and raise the threat level in these select areas," Healy said.

Glitch grounds flights

DALLAS — A computer glitch grounded American Airlines and US Airways flights from coast to coast Sunday morning, causing delays that were expected to last all day.

American had its planes back up after two hours, while US Airways flights were grounded for about three.

US Airways spokeswoman Amy Kudva said the airline's flight-operation database malfunctioned, due to "an internal technology problem." A similar problem affected American's flight plan system, grounding about 150 flights, spokesman John Hotard said.

Casino balcony falls

POLSON, Mont. — A balcony crowded with dozens of people at

a popular bar and casino collapsed, injuring at least 70 people, officials said. There were no immediate reports of any deaths from the accident Friday night at the Diamond Horseshoe Casino.

Polson Fire Chief Tom Maloney said Saturday that seven of the injuries were serious or critical, but the others did not appear to be life-threatening. It was not immediately clear what caused the 14-foot-high balcony to collapse.

Tiger tours Queens

NEW YORK — After escaping from the circus, a white tiger alarmed picnickers and motorists on what for him apparently was a calm, half-mile stroll through an unfamiliar urban jungle.

The animal, named Apollo, was safely recaptured Saturday in the Queens section of the city — but not before the sight of him on the Jackie Robinson Parkway caused a multi-car accident. Four adults and one child suffered minor injuries.

When the tiger lay down on a nearby street, six police officers with guns drawn created a perimeter around him, Capt. John Durkin said. The tiger's trainer arrived and coaxed him back into his cage.

Cruise ship accident

UNALASKA, Alaska — The cruise ship Clipper Odyssey ran hard aground on rocks in the Aleutian Islands, forcing 153 passengers and crew to transfer to other ships and spilling an undetermined amount of fuel from a ruptured tank, the Coast Guard said.

No injuries were reported and the ship floated free with the tide early Sunday.

The accident at about 9:15 p.m. Saturday punctured both a 5,800-gallon fuel tank on the port side and a waste water tank, the Coast Guard said. The amount of fuel spill had not been determined. Lt. Ashley Bodkin said early Sunday.

From wire reports

She takes the prize



RICHMOND (VA.) TIMES-DISPATCH/AP

Juliette Rizzo, of Rockville, Md., smiles at the audience Saturday after she was crowned Ms. Wheelchair America 2005 in Richmond, Va. Rizzo beat out contestants from 24 other states and the nation's capital for the right to represent the achievements of women with disabilities. Rizzo, 36, who works as director of communication and media for the U.S. Department of Education in the office of special education and rehabilitative services, will travel the country for a year as an advocate for more than 50 million Americans with disabilities.

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Mammovan set to roll

Yokosuka's new mobile mammography center to serve women at Iwakuni, Sasebo clinics

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Among the first patients Cmdr. Stephanie Young saw in her job as chief of radiology at Yokosuka's base hospital were three very frightened women. They all had breast cancer "at a pretty advanced stage," Young said.

They were all from Sasebo Naval Base and Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Young noticed, where no mammography tests, which could have detected the cancers earlier and made a cure more certain, were available.

"We knew this was a real problem," Young said. "We weren't providing the care we thought we should be."

Cndr. Stephanie Young
Chief of radiology,
Yokosuka Naval Hospital

And Young started on a mission to raise the standard of care for women in the base hospital's area of responsibility.

On Thursday, nearly three years later, after untold numbers of cost-analyses, schematic designs, logistics planning sessions and phone calls to Washington,

D.C., both pleading and exasperating, Young saw her efforts come to fruition.

Parked behind the hospital, it sat: a brand-new, 33-foot-long, \$439,000 Toyota mammo van, formally known as the mobile mammography center.

The van, built in Yokohama and equipped with mammography equipment from General Electric Japan, is expected to be approved, certified and ready to roll to outlying clinics within the next couple of months. As far as anyone in Yokosuka can tell, it's the first mobile mammography van to exist in any military overseas location.

Young and others expect the van, which will visit Sasebo and Iwakuni to start, will sharply increase the number of women getting mammograms.

Although 4,750 women in Yokosuka's area of responsibility are age 40 or more and, according to most guidelines, should be getting the test every one or two years, only 955 women got mammograms at Yokosuka last year.

Part of the reason is that

women from those outlying bases had to travel hundreds of miles over a couple of days to Yokosuka's hospital to get what's a half hour test. The length of the travel and the difficulty of making arrangements for children's care, especially with frequent deployments, made the benefit seem dubious to many women.

"They've had to travel great distances for this simple, preventive procedure," said Capt. Charles Taylor, hospital commander, at a Thursday ribbon-cutting for the van.

Getting a mammogram in a Japanese facility isn't possible because mammography is highly regulated and facilities must have approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, among other agencies.

Mammography tests can detect cancers too small to feel and, according to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, significantly reduce "mortality from breast cancer."

Of the nearly 1,000 women who had the test last year in Yokosuka, 23 underwent tissue biopsy to determine whether suspicious mammogram readings meant



BOB FOWNER/Special to Stars and Stripes

A mobile mammogram vehicle recently arrived at Yokosuka Naval Base for use at medical clinics in Japan such as those at Sasebo Naval Base and Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station.

cancer. Six of those women did have cancer, Young said. Those statistics are in keeping with national ones in the United States, she said.

Taylor, during his remarks Thursday, noted that many, many people had worked on getting approval and funding for the van from the Navy Medical Logistics Command. Initially, he said, in the mid-1990s, women in Iwakuni and Sasebo, a nurse and commander's wife, brought the matter to the command's attention.

But the project stalled, partly because of its expense and complexity, and partly because decision-makers in Washington, D.C., didn't understand the vast dis-

stances and travel difficulties in Japan.

Once when discussing the project with a commander at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Taylor recalled, when it seemed the project was about to be disapproved, the commander remarked, "Iwakuni looks quite close on the map."

But Yokosuka hospital staffers persevered, no one more than Young. Asked what finally made the van a reality, Cathy Ruehe, the wife of Adm. Rick Ruehe, said three words: "A woman radiologist."

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A welcoming dance

The Bon Odori, or Bon 'dance,' is an age-old Japanese tradition to welcome back ancestors' spirits. Atsugi Naval Air Facility opened its gates Saturday for an American festival, followed immediately by the Bon Odori. The base has been hosting these events annually for more than 40 years, in an effort to foster positive relations between Atsugi and its host nation of Japan.



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AARON ANSAROVA/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Above: A Japanese child awaits her turn to take part in one of the songs during the Bon Odori festival.
Left: A Japanese festival participant pounds away on Taiko drums.



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

Above: Kristina Abalos, 13, takes a chance at the striker to make the bell ring for a prize.
Right: Megan Patten, daughter of Cmdr. Eric Patten, plays the Taiko drums.



TRACY HULL/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Kerry says he'll get other nations to help in Iraq

BY NEDRA PICKLER
The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry said he plans to use private negotiations to persuade other heads of state to assist in reconstructing Iraq, but he does not envision sending more U.S. troops there.

Kerry said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that a new president can make a "fresh start" with world leaders who opposed the war. "If we demonstrate an America that has a foreign policy that is smarter, more engaged ... and more respectful of the world, we're going to bring people to our side," Kerry said. "We're not only going to put additional troops there, that's the way to bring our troops home."

In a separate interview broadcast Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition," Kerry declined to specify a

precise timetable for withdrawing the 140,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. But he did say, "I would consider it an unsuccessful policy if I hadn't brought significant numbers of troops back within the first term."

Kerry and his mate John Edwards did separate taped interviews with CBS, CNN, ABC and Fox, all of which were broadcast Sunday. With Edwards sitting by his side, Kerry said on CBS that he is convinced a Kerry administration could get NATO involved in Iraq.

"We can make sure that other countries in the region — and this



Kerry

is critical — Iran, Syria, are not interfering with trying to establish a democratic Iraq and bring other countries like France and Germany and Russia to the reconstruction effort so that the Iraq economy can get off the ground and we can get some debt forgiveness," Edwards said.

Kerry said he has a plan to approach other world leaders, "and I'm not negotiating it publicly."

Kerry also defended himself from President Bush's charge that the Democrat would raise taxes. Kerry said most Americans would get a tax cut under his plan. "This administration has

had a problem with truth for some period of time," Kerry said. Pressed on whether he is saying Bush lied, Kerry said he would never use that word.

Kerry also said he disagrees with lawmakers from both parties who are questioning the Sept. 11 commission's recommendation to create a Cabinet-level intelligence chief.

"I believe it belongs there and I'm very comfortable with that decision," Kerry said in the CBS interview. On other topics:

■ On ABC's "This Week," Kerry added one exception to his promise not to raise taxes Ameri-

cans earning under \$200,000 a year. "War. Obviously a national emergency." He explained: "I'm talking about a national emergency beyond what we have today in Iraq. If you have something extraordinary that happened."

■ "I absolutely guarantee you there will be Republicans in leadership and helping" in a Kerry administration, he said on ABC.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Aug. 31)	109
S. Korean won (July 31)	1,139
Euro	\$1,245
British pound	\$1,86

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1,8156
Canada (Dollar)	1.328
Denmark (Krone)	6.168
Egypt (Pound)	2.000
Euro	\$1,2050
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7054
Hungary (Forint)	205.97
Island (Krona)	1.168
Israel (Shekel)	4.5228
Japan (Yen)	113.92
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Libya (Dinar)	1.499
Philippines (Peso)	55.59
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.466
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7250
S. Korea (Won)	1,169.50
Switzerland (Franc)	1.718
Thailand (Baht)	41.21
Turkey (Lira)	1,470,588.00

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Silver	\$6.55

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.1315
3-month bill	1.44
30-year bond	5.20

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Bush, in Ohio, touts rights of gun owners

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio — President Bush launched into an impassioned defense Saturday of gun-owner rights as he chastised the Democratic nominee John Kerry's failure to understand heartfelt values.

"We stand for the Second Amendment, which gives every American the individual right to bear arms," Bush told several thousand people who filled a rain-soaked baseball field in this southeastern Ohio community.

"I've got a record on that issue. It stands in stark contrast to my opponent."

Bush's comments came on the final day of a two-day return to the campaign trail after the Democratic National Convention, which ended Thursday. The president was continuing his "Heart and Soul of America" tour, a monthlong string of thematic trips designed to mark a new chapter in the re-election battle. The aim, campaign strategists say, is to promote the incumbent's leadership and accomplishments while countering the unity the Democrats displayed for Kerry in Boston last week.

Clusters of umbrella-carrying, flag- and sign-waving people welcomed the 30-vehicle Bush caravan Saturday under gray skies and an occasional heavy rain shower. Only a smattering of protesters turned out along the route, some of them gesturing with

thumbs down and one outside Canton holding a sign that read "Bush Farewell Tour."

The president spoke to more than 5,500 supporters at the Canton Memorial Civic Center and later to several thousand others in Cambridge, where he introduced gun-owner rights to his speech on values.

En route to Pittsburgh later, Bush attempted to amplify his attempt to appeal on the issue, stopping at a soon-to-open Cabela's outfitters store in suburban Wheeling, W.Va., that officials said will create 1,200 jobs and become West Virginia's top tourist attraction, with up to 6 million annual visitors.

The president greeted several hundred workers and said he appreciated the chance to visit because he liked to "hunt and fish."

Kerry aides accused the president of trying to top the Democratic nominee's position on guns.

"Sen. Kerry's a lifelong hunter, combat veteran, believes in the Second Amendment, and it's another example of George Bush's misleading campaign rhetoric to create false impressions about his opponent," Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said Saturday. Singer also said that for the first time, the Democratic convention platform included pro-Second Amendment language because of Kerry. But even as the campaign trips to operate on an efficient timeline, Bush also must regularly face the issue of Iraq.

While the campaign is promoting the themes of character, leadership, strength and resolve to describe the president, it also is showing little sign of letting up in its attacks on Kerry and its claims that the Massachusetts senator vacillates.

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Job dissatisfaction

CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Workers cite long hours and unfair pay as top complaints, and some are starting to make the move to new positions, according to three new surveys.

Six percent of workers said they quit their job voluntarily for a new job in the second quarter, up from 5.3 percent in the first quarter of this year and 3.8 percent a year ago, according to a survey of 1,019 adults conducted for Lee Hecht Harrison, the human-resources consulting firm.

Those leaving their jobs might have been seeking an alternative to long workdays and unfair pay, top complaints cited by

workers in two separate surveys.

Fifty-two percent of African Americans and 57 percent of Hispanics said their pay is not equal to what others in similar positions are paid, while 34 percent of white workers said so, according to a telephone survey of 3,712 workers in a range of industries and job levels conducted for Hudson, a provider of staffing services.

About the same percentage of male workers, 38 percent, and female workers, 36 percent, said their pay does not equal others.

Managers who don't address workers' perceptions of disparate pay face higher turnover rates, said Jeff Anderson, senior vice president at Hudson.

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FACES 'N' PLACES

Paris Hilton leaves lasting mark on ex

Paris Hilton left a permanent impression on ex-boyfriend Nick Carter ... literally.

When the couple got tattoos together three weeks before their July 22 breakup, **Backstreet Boy** Carter, 24, got "Paris" tattooed on his wrist, **People** magazine reports.

Carter wouldn't say what Hilton had tattooed, but the pop star says he's harboring no regrets about the untimely ink: "No (I don't regret it) because I love her. She'll have a place in my heart, always."

Hilton, 23, is speaking about the breakup as well. The hotel heiress-reality TV star told **Us Weekly** she decided to end it while having her makeup done at a photo shoot in New York — but only after getting her psychic's opinion.

"She thought I should be alone, and I agreed with her," Hilton said.

About rumors of her infidelity, Hilton flatly denies them. "I'm a faithful girlfriend. I never cheat."



Hilton

Actress Alley happy with her appearance

Kirstie Alley has pulled a switch-a-roo on the tabloids. After many photographs splashed in different celebrity magazines documented her noticeable weight gain, the former "Cheers" actress is going on the offensive.

With her new Showtime show, "Fat Actress," to begin filming this fall, Alley is by no means shirking the attention to her weight problem. But that's not to say she's happy with her appearance.

In New York, Alley told **People** magazine: "The weird thing is, I don't like the way I look — and I like who I am. I like who I am better than I've ever liked myself."

The 53-year-old actress says that her weight is 203 pounds, not the frequently cited 300 pounds. Still, she completely accepts responsibility for her situation.

"I don't consider fat a disease. I mean, c'mon, who had the (expletive) gun to my head? Nobody! What gene in my body says I have to eat four cakes instead of two? It's a choice."

Third wedding's the charm?

Oscar-winning actor Nicolas Cage has married for the third time.



Cage

The "Leaving Las Vegas" star wed 20-year-old Alice Kim on Friday at a private ceremony on a ranch in northern California, publicist Annett Wolf told **The Associated Press**.

It is the third wedding for Cage, 40, who split with his previous wife, Lisa Marie Presley, after less than four months in 2002. Before that, he was married for six years to actress Patricia Arquette.

Kim, a former sushi waitress, met Cage when the actor visited the Los Angeles restaurant where she worked. This is her first marriage.

McCartney honors The Beatles

Paul McCartney awarded honorary rock 'n' roll diplomas to members of '80s girl group **The Bangles** at his Liverpool, England, arts school.

McCartney made the band honorary companions of the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts during a ceremony Friday attended by **Bangles** Michael Steele and Vicki Peterson.

In a statement, the band members said they were "honored and grateful to accept companionship from this historic institution, and as longtime Beatles fans, are absolutely delighted at the investment of Sir Paul, and to receive our rock and roll 'diplomas' from the great man himself."

Past companionships — the equivalent of an honorary degree — have gone to singer **Joan Armatrading** and former **Sex Pistols** manager **Malcolm McLaren**.

Formed in Los Angeles by Steele, Susanna Hoffs and sisters Vicki and Debbie Peterson, **The Bangles** had a string of hits in the 1980s, including "Manic Monday," "Walk Like an Egyptian" and "Going Down to Liverpool."



McCartney



AP

Country music newcomer Gretchen Wilson speaks July 21 during a news conference held at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn. Wilson's debut single, "Redneck Woman," spent a record six weeks at No. 1.

'Redneck Woman'

Gretchen Wilson says her debut single is an anthem about being true to yourself

BY JOHN GEROME
The Associated Press

The word "redneck" doesn't translate well into German, country singer Gretchen Wilson learned during her recent overseas tour.

Wilson, whose debut single "Redneck Woman" spent a record six weeks at No. 1, visited four countries in 10 days this month — Australia, United Kingdom, Sweden and Germany. The most common question from foreign reporters: "So what is a redneck?"

"I'd start out in the morning by giving full details, saying a redneck is a person who lives their life without the best of everything but knows how to live well with what they've got," Wilson said. "But by the end of the day, I'd just go, 'Well, a redneck is kind of like a hillbilly. Next question.'"

A defiant, beer-swilling anthem, "Redneck Woman" takes up the tone of Charlie Daniels' "Long Haired Country Boy" and Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama." It's woven with lines declaring white trash pride. "Some people look down on me but I don't give a rip/I'll stand barefooted in my own front yard with a baby on my hip."

Dressed in blue jeans and silver hoop earrings, the 31-year-old singer says the song has less to do with poor, white rural Southerners than the title suggests.

"It's not so much the redneck anthem as it is the be-true-to-yourself anthem," she said. "Don't worry about what people want to label you, as long as you're happy with yourself. It's a way of life, really."

It's a way of life Wilson knows well. The daughter of a teenage mother, she dropped out of school in eighth grade and was cooking and tending bar with her mom at Big O's tavern in rural Pocahontas, Ill., 36 miles east of St. Louis, by the time she was 14. By 15 she was living on

her own and managing the bar with a 12-gauge shotgun for protection.

She started singing for tips at Big O's and from there performed in cover bands in St. Louis.

Wilson moved to Nashville in 1996 and tended bar in Printers Alley while trying to build a music career. She became a regular member of the Muzik Mafia, a loose-knit group of singers, songwriters and musicians who get together to jam every Tuesday, and then signed with Sony Music Nashville in August 2003.

Her debut album, "Here For the Party," has sold 2 million copies after only 10 weeks on the chart, helping reverse a slump in country music sales and a dearth in female country chart-toppers.

"We have broken all sorts of records because we had the good sense to follow a groundbreaking artist, which should be a cardinal rule in the record business," said Sony Music Nashville President John Grady.

Wilson co-wrote six of the 12 songs, including the title track now released as her second single and climbing the Billboard chart.

It's another hard-charging anthem with a strong female perspective, with the line, "I wear my jeans a little tight just to watch the little boys come undone."

"I've got a lot of Southern rock influences in my life," she said. "I knew I wanted to have a track on my album that was heavy, really kickin'."

Terri Clark, a country singer also known for her rowdy edge, said Wilson's authenticity is refreshing.

"That's what I love about Gretchen doing so well," said Clark, who surprised Wilson the night of her Grand Ole Opry debut last May with a case of Jim Beam whiskey and Skoal chewing tobacco. "She is who she is. She's not changing or conforming for anybody."

Wilson is still trying to comprehend her meteoric rise. She says her family and friends are documenting everything for her so "someday when I'm an old lady I can look back and say 'Look what I did.'"

And her 3-year-old daughter, Grace, helps keep her grounded.

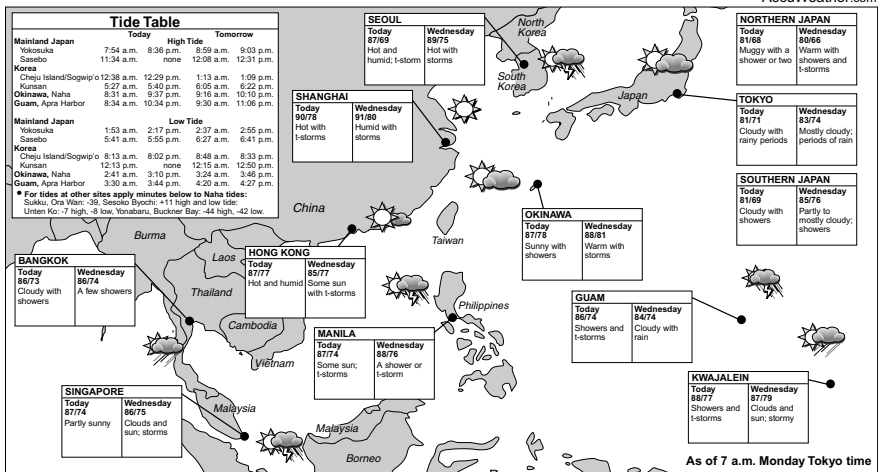
"I don't know how much of this she really understands," said Wilson, a single mother. "I know she knows mommy is on TV, and I know she knows I'm a country singer. She sees me on TV and she thinks it's great. But she also thinks Shrek is coming over tomorrow."

MOVIES • SPORTS

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TOKYO

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, high 88, low 77.
Friday: Mostly cloudy, high 88, low 76.

KADENA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 91, low 82.
Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 91, low 83.

SEUL

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 92, low 76.
Friday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 75.

MANILA

Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 75.
Friday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 75.

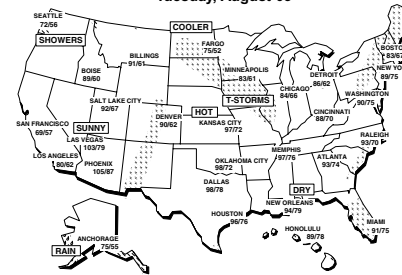
HAGATNA

Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 75.
Friday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 78.

Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	93/70	Los Angeles	78/63
Amarillo	97/68	Little Rock	93/70
Anchorage	69/52	Louisville	91/69
Ashville	83/65	Miami	89/77
Baltimore	88/71	Milwaukee	89/68
Birmingham	92/71	Nashville	91/69
Bismarck	91/62	New York	83/72
Boston	85/69	Omaha	95/74
Brownsville	99/76	Orlando	90/76
Buffalo	80/63	Philadelphia	86/72
Burlington	86/62	Phoenix	109/94
Charleston, SC	87/74	Pittsburgh	83/62
Charlotte	91/70	Portland, OR	85/60
Cleveland	80/64	Portland, ME	84/63
Columbus, OH	86/65	Salt Lake City	94/70
Duluth	82/62	San Antonio	95/78
El Paso	95/71	San Diego	72/65
Hartford	85/67	San Juan	90/78
Helena	97/60	Tampa	87/76
Indianapolis	89/68	Tulsa	98/75
Jacksonville	89/75	Washington	88/74
Kansas City	94/73	Wichita	101/74

Tuesday, August 03



U.S. Extended Forecast

Heat will remain in control across much of the West Tuesday and Wednesday. A strong ridge of high pressure will allow temperatures to average 10-20 degrees above normal over the Southwest, Rockies and Plains. Daytime temperatures in the 100s will be common in Kansas and Nebraska. Thunderstorms will mark the edge of the heat over the northern Rockies and the Upper Midwest. Storms rumbling through the Dakotas, Iowa and Minnesota may contain strong winds, heavy rain and large hail. Elsewhere, a trough in the jet stream will help steer Tropical Storm Alex away from the East Coast. Storms traveling through the trough will bring clouds and rain to northern and central New England.

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	86/73	Iwakuni	87/75
Beijing	90/78	Kadena AB	87/75
Camp Casey	87/69	Kansan AB	87/74
Christchurch	45/30	Kawajima	88/77
Diego Garcia	81/75	Manila	87/74
Hagatna	86/74	Misawa AB	84/64
Hanoi	89/77	Okinawa	88/72
Hong Kong	87/77	Perth	60/46
Honolulu	89/78	Pusan	85/73
		Sasebo NB	82/72
		Sapporo	81/68
		Seoul	87/69
		Shanghai	90/78
		Singapore	87/74
		Sydney	65/38
		Taegu	88/73
		Taipei	91/74
		Tokyo	81/71

Tuesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/75	Budapest	82/59
Athens	87/69	Buenos Aires	66/55
Auckland	49/40	Cairo	117/83
Baghdad	111/72	Cancun	86/73
Barbados	89/72	Cape Town	60/38
Barcelona	82/64	Geneva	75/55
Berlin	77/61	Istanbul	82/64
Bermuda	85/75	Jerusalem	88/61
Brussels	81/55	Johannesburg	65/41
		Kabul	91/57
		Kiev	76/54
		Oslo	71/53
		London	69/53
		Paris	75/51
		Rio de Janeiro	73/62
		Rome	87/66
		St. Petersburg	79/61
		Stockholm	72/60
		Warsaw	70/55



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BDU rule is nonsense

The other day I read an e-mail that had been posted by our commander. It was sent to him from higher up to warn that punishment would soon be given out to soldiers who don't wear their butle-dress uniforms tops while riding in convoys. It also mentioned (gasp) soldiers were not wearing their heavy, uncomfortable Kevlars in Kuwait.

We took off our BDU tops because it is roughly the same temperature as heat, outside. It is a daily occurrence while out on the road to administer IVs to four or five soldiers. It doesn't make sense to wear long-sleeve shirts when in the cab of a truck where it is nearly 20 degrees in the weeks where they are drinking plenty of water.

They understand that it is necessary to stay hydrated. We had a class on the subject—the same class that taught us to remove the BDU blouse and unbutton the boots to aid a soldier suffering from heat exhaustion. It would make sense that doing so before the soldier actually collapsed would be considered a preventive measure.

In boot training we would unbutton the boots as soon as it broke 100 degrees. It's an Army regulation, the drill sergeants informed us. Why would it be wrong to unbutton our boots when it's 130 degrees outside?

We are told to wear Kevlars in Kuwait. Why? I'm not in any danger of being shot at. It is to protect me in the event of an accident? I drive an M1070 HET tractor truck. It weighs something like 100,000 pounds.

Does it sound like I'm stressed out? A little frazzled perhaps? Well, I am. I'm not alone. And I don't need an MWR trip. I don't need a back massage or an

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ice cream cone. I need to be treated like an adult and allowed to make my own decisions on simple tasks like how to dress myself. I'm not an idiot.

We are all out here doing our best, so give us a little break, will ya?

Sgt. Kristopher Karr
Kuwait/Traq

Hopefuls ignore key issues

Who is the best choice, the incumbent or his opponent? In my community all the discussion and opinions of many regarding President Bush and Sen. John Kerry seem to be the biggest topic at our social round table. I am disappointed to have been misled into the reasons why we were sent back into Iraq, yet I now know that the loss of the lives and the prices paid to lib-

erate the citizens there from a tyrant cannot go in vain. Our brave warriors have paid the ultimate sacrifice and this can never be forgotten. Whatever the political rhetoric, our young men and women are going into harm's way every day and, regardless of who's at the helm of the White House and our government, this will continue for years to come. This is the price we pay for having the world's police force.

Why do we do so much for the world yet so little for ourselves? It's great that we'll have a newly formed intelligence center with a Cabinet-level director, strengthen our homeland security initiatives, and build a global alliance to make our world a safer place.

How does this equate to our domestic frontal security approach? Do we have one? What are we doing for the needy, the underprivileged, the homeless, the gang problems, the drug problems, the crime and violence that has entered every city throughout America and is destroying our youth?

Once I'd like to hear the incumbent or his opponent say something about the real-world issues of our domestic problems back home and where we are going to unite a continental alliance to clean up our neighborhoods, target and eliminate the gangs, the drugs and violence problems, build upon getting our youth educated and enhance the literacy rate of our nation and focus-building on family values.

It really is not relevant to me who wins this election, or if you're a Republican or a Democrat. United we are all Americans and, besides the ever-present war on terror and the measures we have taken to safeguard our way of life, it's time we take care of our own as well as the rest of the world we have made.

Tim Higgs Sr.
Seoul

The long-lost who should remain lost

BY DALE MCFEATHERS

Scripts Howard

Japan has custody, with vastly different degrees of enthusiasm, of two Americans. One is fugitive chess nut Bobby Fischer, who is in a detention center; the other is former Army Capt. Charles Jenkins, AWOL in North Korea for 39 years and now in a hospital.

Under murky circumstances, Jenkins disappeared while on patrol along the Demilitarized Zone in January 1965. By one account, he deserted rather than face going to Vietnam; by another, he was captured and brainwashed. In any case, he surfaced three weeks later, broadcasting anti-U.S. propaganda across the DMZ, and went on to appear in several anti-U.S. films.

While there, he married Hitomi Soga, a young Japanese kidnapped by the North Koreans in 1978 as part of some loony espionage scheme. They have two daughters, now 18 and 21. Two years ago, the Japanese government won the release of Soga and four other abductees. Jenkins, now 64 and in uncertain health, and the two girls were reunited with Soga in Indonesia last month.

The U.S. military, in a rather poor formula way, is asking for Jenkins to be turned over to U.S. military authorities. Meanwhile, Soga has become a local hero and the Japanese government would like her to be left in peace with Jenkins and her daughters. While desertion is undeniably a serious matter, the United States is searching for a face-saving way to oblige a good ally and let Jenkins stay.

Meanwhile, Japan detained Bobby Fis-

cher [more than] two weeks ago when he arrived in the country with an invalid U.S. passport. Fischer is now fighting a deportation order to the United States, where he is wanted for violating international sanctions against the former Yugoslavia by playing for the world chess championship there in 1992.

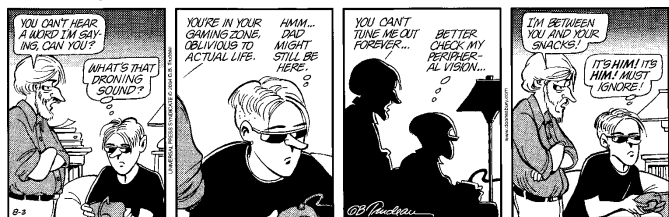
Fischer's crime—playing chess illegally—hardly seems likely to inspire sympathy. And, to a layman, at least, the recalcitrant, errant Fischer is a simple anti-Semite who applauded 9/11, seems halfway to a successful insanity defense.

Jenkins and Fischer, although hardly the most exemplary specimens, are entitled to claim as their country, and if they're willing to come back and face the music, we have to take them. But they're not.

Thus, our policy should be guided by this question: Why ever would we want them back? We don't.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury



OPINION

Obama explained what makes America special

Barack Obama came pretty much as promised, an impressive, eloquent, charismatic, super-bright politician on the rise, and more than that — someone whose keynote address at the Democratic National Convention espoused an idea of America that is sorely needed, whether you lean to the right or the left.

Jay Ambrose

I lean to the right on most issues. Obama clearly leans to the left. I don't doubt that on many political matters we would differ.

Even in his speech [last week], I noted a few discordant elements — I will mention a couple — and I am sure that as I would not trace out the implications of his theme in precisely the same way.

The theme, though, is one that at least some people don't realize America is a land of extraordinary opportunity, that liberty and equality are our most important products, that we must be self-accountable and communally responsible, that we in general hold such democratic values in common, and that what we hold in common is far more important than what divides us.

Obama's own life exemplifies the theme. He is the son of a Kenyan mother and a white Kansas mother who, he said in his speech, "shared an abiding faith in the possibilities of this nation" and named him "Barack, or 'blessed,' believing that the transcendent American your name is no barrier to success." For him, it clearly was not.

He went to Columbia University, moved to Chicago to work in the church, got married, and then went to Harvard Law, educating the poor and then went to Harvard Law.

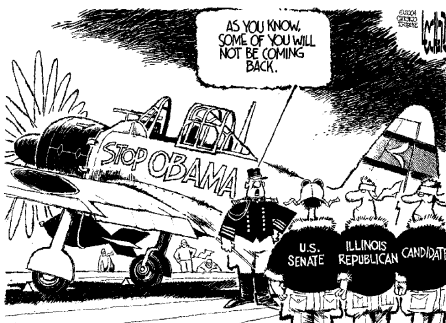
School, where he graduated with honors. He now teaches law at the University of Chicago. He was elected to the Illinois state Senate and emerged victorious in a seven-person Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate, exhibiting political talent many have said could conceivably take him almost anywhere in politics he wants to go. He has no Republican opponent at the moment, and looks like, we are told, to become only the third African-American elected to the Senate since Reconstruction.

"I stand here today, grateful for the diversity of my heritage, aware that my parents' dreams live on in my precious daughters," said Obama to a national television audience. "I stand here knowing that my story is part of the larger American story, that I owe a debt to all of those who came before me, and that, in no other country on Earth, is my story even possible."

Tell, this and looking more youthful than his 42 years, Obama emphasized our freedoms — "that we can say what we think, write what we think, without hearing a sudden knock on the door; that we can have an idea and start our own business." He spoke of social problems, but added, "The people I meet in small towns and big cities, in diners and offices, they don't expect government to solve all their problems."

He also said that "longside our famous individualism, there's another ingredient in the American spirit," identifying it as a "belief that we are connected as one people." He said "spin masters and negative-aid peddlers who embrace the politics of anything goes" would have you believe there is a liberal and conservative America, a black and white America, but that such is not the case: "There's the United States of America."

He talked near the end of his remarks about "the hope of slaves, sitting around a fire singing freedom songs," for instance, and the hope of a "skinny kid with a funny name who believes America has a place for him, too."



stance, and the hope of a "skinny kid with a funny name who believes America has a place for him, too."

Obama went wrong, I think, in making it sound as if the middle class is caught up in some terrible crisis. It isn't. There was a recession that was hurtful to some, but there is now a recovery, jobs are coming back and the middle class in America stands overall as one of the most privileged and prosperous groups of people in the history of humanity. He engaged in rhetorical overkill, to say the least, when he said: "America will reclaim its promise, and out of this long political darkness a brighter day will come." Long po-

litical darkness? I don't think so.

But what his speech affirmed is American exceptionalism, the notion that in important, worthy ways we are an exception to the rest of the civilized world. It is a notion that used to hold sway generally, but not quite so much these days, it seems to me from some of my reading.

Many academics and others seem bent on emphasizing our very real faults as if they are for far larger significance than our very real virtues. Obama, I think, got the emphasis right.

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We've axed the book on democracy to Cliff's Notes

By BRAD ROURKE

The recent study by the National Endowment for the Arts that reveals a precipitous drop in book reading among Americans has many wringing their hands, but the trend is nothing new. We're a nation of people who can, but choose not to, read for pleasure.

But that's just part of the problem. Among those who reported reading a book in the past year, how many really did so and how many thumbed through it or just got partway? How many books are on nightstands gathering dust or being flipped through while Letterman rattles off his Top Ten? How many people will really read, say, the Sept. 11 commission's just-published final report? Even many of us who say we read books actually just skip through them, looking here and there for bits of information. In fact, we've become something of a skimming culture.

It's not all our fault. Everything is geared to allowing us to give only partial attention toward what is in front of us. There's a headline ticker at the bottom of my newscast. Three or more task windows are open on my computer screen at any time. I drive with a cellular headset in case I get a call. Look around at a stop light sometime and count the number of LCD panels flipped down from the roofs of other cars — they're watching TV while driving! Microsoft, a company that has become one of the world's largest by knowing how people go about digesting information, has coined a phrase for the way we take in the world around us: "continuous partial attention." Their products are all geared to be usable under such circumstances.

There are those who worry about the fate of society in a nation of willful non-readers, but I worry about the fate of democracy. The consequences of not paying attention are wide-ranging. In corporate America, it's become a problem that workers do not fully read the key corporate documents their employers put out for their benefit. "Think Enron ethics code" here. And in public life, details get missed.

Wrong impressions get formed. Headlines substitute for reading past Page One.

Total ignorance, one might argue, is, in fact, better for democracy than a partial ignorance that masquerades as knowledge. At least the totally ignorant sense their limitations. Skimmers, on the other

hand, may well occupy the ranks of power and feel a mastery of the information around them. But in truth they have faulty intelligence.

After listening to the "executive summary" on their drive in to work or on the treadmill, they have a false confidence that they know what they need to know. Little wonder that there is a call to de-classify the one-page summary of Iraq intelligence prepared for President Bush before the invasion. (The sheet reportedly omits qualifiers and nuances, creating a much starker sense of the world situation.) The administration's refusal to release the brief document is based on the grounds that it's irrelevant because the full National Intelligence Estimate was released and, according to one official, "we expect people to read beyond one page."

But most people at home know that they themselves might have read only the cover sheet. They wonder: Did the president or his advisers flip past it, or did they stop after glancing at the Cliff's Notes?

Indeed, even the president's chief opponent, Sen. John Kerry, acknowledges that he did not read the admittedly lengthy NIE before voting on whether to grant authority to invade Iraq. Skimming, clearly, is a nonpartisan issue.

Sadly, sometimes it seems we are forced to wonder whether any of our leaders ever read their briefing materials at all. Before we blame them, though, let us look at our own habits, and ask whether we are really reading what is before us.

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Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



Cries of censorship

CO DENVER — Two pieces of art, including a suitcase with a handle made from a box cutter, were removed from Denver International Airport after employees complained.

The art was part of an exhibit called "The Luggage Project" in which artists from around the world were asked to turn suitcases into art.

The other piece removed from the airport was a suitcase with an attached bumper sticker reading "Blood for Oil. Billionaires for Bush," a reference to a satirical group critical of President Bush.

Madeline Hatz, who created the second suitcase, said she was trying to link the spilling of blood and oil. She complained that she was being censored.

"Art is controversial, and we have a right to freedom of speech," she said.

Aviation co-manager Vicki Brannan said she removed the pieces July 9, the same day the 43-piece, glass-enclosed exhibit opened on a walkway that comes before the security screening area.

Six employees complained, and Brannan said the art was "inappropriate." The terrorists who carried out the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks took control of the flights after threatening passengers with box cutters.

Close call for child

FL WEST MELBOURNE — A 7-year-old boy fell on an arrow, and was impaled in the neck, narrowly missing his jugular vein, officials said.

The father of the boy, whose name was not released, drove him 30 miles to a fire station for help. The boy was hospitalized in stable condition after the accident and was expected to survive, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office said.

The boy fell while holding the arrow and playing in his back yard in rural central Florida, his father told paramedics.

After piercing his neck near the jugular vein, the arrow nearly passed all the way through to the boy's spine, said Lt. Dave Hoyer of the Brevard County Fire Rescue Station where the boy went for emergency treatment.

Firefighters cut about 6 inches off the arrow so he could be flown to an Orlando hospital.

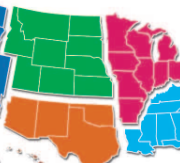
Med school in hot seat

IL CHICAGO — A group of 52 breast cancer patients has sued a medical school for canceling an experimental vaccine program that some claim has kept them alive.

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science discontinued the study early this year because it has shown no clinical benefit to patients, said Nabih Ramadan, the North Chicago school's vice president for clinical and external affairs.

"We feel at risk because we've depended upon this vaccine for so long and found it to be very effective," said 81-year-old Catherine Moloney of Northbrook, who started taking the vaccine in 1991. "We just feel abandoned and we want our vaccine."

The lawsuit claims patients signed consent forms stating the treatment, aimed at boosting the body's immune system, would continue "ad infinitum," or for the rest of their lives.



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Ramadan said that the term "ad infinitum" referred only to the life of the patients while they participated in the study, which was subject to termination.

The patients' lawsuit contends the university violated medical ethics and breached contracts. The lawsuit asks the court to grant patients access to the remaining vaccine. It also seeks unspecified damages for emotional injury and stress.

A circuit court judge ordered the school to preserve all records and clinical samples from the vaccine program, according to plaintiffs' attorney Thomas Cronin.

Neck-hold ban

TX DALLAS — After months of protest from civil rights groups, Police Chief David Kunkle has banned the department's use of a neck hold that contributed to a man's death last year.

Kunkle said he plans to brief Dallas City Council members on his decision and ask them to buy 400 Tasers, a type of electrical stun gun.

The chief's briefing paper to the council said the neck hold is "difficult to apply in field conditions" and officers may not know about suspects' pre-existing medical conditions.

The Rev. L. Charles Stovall of the Unified Organizations for Justice, an activist coalition, welcomed the ban.

"This is something that needed to be done, and it's something that we rejoice is happening," Stovall said.

But Cpl. George Aranda, president of the Latino Peace Officers Association, criticized Kunkle's de-

cision. "To ban a tool that has been effective for so many years due to community pressure is an insult to our Dallas officers," Aranda told The Dallas Morning News. "I think with some updated training and better techniques, we could have saved this tool."

Slicing gas tax

FL TALLAHASSEE — The state's gas tax cut goes into effect and will last through August, cutting the cost by eight cents less a gallon. It's designed to help small business and tourism in a time of skyrocketing fuel prices. The tax break applies to all grades of fuel sold at the pump, except diesel.

Early grape harvest

CA SANTA BARBARA — The wine grape harvest will begin a week or two ahead of the usual September crush in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties because of warmer-than-normal weather. The harvest will likely begin on a wide scale in mid-to-late August.

Grape quantity is expected to be about normal, with a surplus still a problem for the industry. Quality remains high.

HMO contracts

MI LANSING — The state has awarded contracts to 17 health maintenance organizations to provide \$2 billion in care to 900,000 poor and disabled people covered by Medicaid. The state has been struggling to cover its share of the cost of health care for the poor in a period of rising medical spending and growing budget deficits. Michigan last conducted bids for Medicaid HMOs in 2000.

West Nile spreads

UT SALT LAKE CITY — A northern Utah resident was diagnosed with the state's first human case of West Nile virus this year, health officials said. The victim was exposed in both Arizona and Utah. This year, Arizona has been hit harder than any other state in the United States, with 163 human infections and two deaths.

Got shelter?

WV CHARLESTON — The Federal Emergency Management Agency is appealing to property owners in its search for land to set up temporary housing for flood victims. The agency wants to lease parcels in the Logan and Lenore areas, rent-free, for two years.

Coordinating officer Lou Botta says FEMA needs property owners' help because it's exhausted all other options.

Sales-tax holiday

DC WASHINGTON — The city is gearing up for another sales-tax holiday. Between Aug. 7 and Aug. 15, Washington will waive the tax on school supplies, clothes, shoes and accessories, as long as each item costs no more than \$100. Councilwoman Carol Schwartz, R-At-Large, pushed through a measure making the sales tax break an annual event. It's timed to coincide with back-to-school shopping, but the savings are available to anyone.



Hoofing it Brannon Bartlett gets dragged by a bull after being bucked off at the Frontier Days Rodeo in Cheyenne, Wyo. Bartlett eventually escaped his unlucky predicament but got no free ride for his trouble.



More water damage Tony Griffin of the Department of General Services in Richmond, Va., peels paint from the walls in the gallery of the House chambers at the State Capitol. Heavy rains cascaded worsening woes for the building.



Castaway Lone fisherman Leo Issa casts his line along the shore in Delray Beach, Fla., as clouds hover over the Atlantic Ocean.



Head above water

Chason Norris, 21, does a handstand while skimboarding along the Gulf of Mexico on Okaloosa Island, Fla.



It's C-O-W-B-O-Y-S Dallas Cowboys cheerleader Christine Chancellor teaches dozens of children attending the Dallas Cowboys' Cheerleaders Cheer Camp at the Oxnard High School in Oxnard, Calif.



Sign of the times Sherelle Purnell, 18, of Salisbury, Md., walks along Route 13 in front of the Tiger Mart gas station in Salisbury. On April 4, Purnell filled her car with gas and drove away, without paying, according to court records.



Big gups The nose of a humpback whale breaks the ocean surface as it goes after a school of fish off Sandbridge beach in Virginia Beach, Va., startling kayaker Joe Bell, of Chesapeake, Va.

\$45,000 settlement

TX HUMANSVILLE — A settlement was reached in a federal lawsuit over the display of the Ten Commandments in a southwest Missouri school. Carrie Root filed suit this year claiming the Ten Commandments plaque in the school cafeteria violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

The Humansville School District agreed to pay Root \$45,000 and to refrain from displaying religious symbols.

Bioterrorism planning

NH CONCORD — Gov. Craig Benson and the state's Executive Council approved nine contracts for \$2.3 million in federal grants for bioterrorism planning after the nine groups receiving the money agreed to work together.

Benson had delayed approval to review the contracts and determine whether the funds were being spent efficiently.

He said he found no abuses.

Pills on demand

AL MONTGOMERY — State public health officials say they don't plan to stop distribution of emergency contraceptives, also called "morning after pills," at family planning clinics.

Health officials have been criticized by anti-abortion and Christian right groups since clinic workers began distributing the pills earlier this year.

Federal officials say the clinic isn't required to distribute the emergency contraceptives.

Inmate swim a problem

ME CAMDEN — Letting a crew of four inmate laborers working at a state park take a swim after work has landed the work-release program in hot water.

The crew has been suspended and the program could be in jeopardy after park manager Bill Elliott let four inmates swim in Lake Chickawaukie in Rockland.

For more than 20 years, Elliott has used minimum-security prisoners for work around Peaks-Kenny State Park on Sebek Lake and at Camden Hills State Park.

He estimates he has supervised 8,000 hours of prison labor without a problem.

But on the afternoon of July 21, Elliott and a sergeant from the prison were driving the inmates back to the Warren lockup when they stopped along Route 17 to let the inmates have a quick swim.

"It was an 80-degree day," Elliott said, "and the guys were on the roof," working on a picnic pavilion at the park for about 10 hours.

While the swim was brief, some feel it mingled inmates with the general public.

Corrections officials said the public wasn't at risk, but the incident could prove to be a public relations problem for the restitution program, which allows minimum-security prisoners nearing release to work outside the prison.

Warden Jeffrey Merrill was on vacation when the prisoners were allowed to swim, but a deputy warden

suspended the crew from further work outside the prison.

Elliott said the rules were unclear, and that he would never have let the prisoners swim if he knew it was prohibited.

He has let prisoners take short swim breaks at the park in the past, but he promised never to allow it again.

Protest of denim ban

TN DECATUR — Parents in rural Meigs County are organizing a protest against a school dress code that bans denim.

The new rules were adopted in the spring, but few parents were aware of them until this month.

School board member Jeremy Bivens, who voted against the change, said many people in the county wear jeans.

Father forgets child

FL INVERNESS — An infant died in her father's car after he mistakenly left her there for hours outside his office, authorities said.

Edward Hynes went to work at an Inverness carpet cleaning company about 7 a.m., forgetting that his daughter, McKenzie, was in his car, said Gail Tierney, spokeswoman for the Citrus County sheriff's office.

The girl's mother called Hynes just before 3 p.m. and asked why the baby wasn't at day care, investigators said.

Emergency workers were called but could not revive the child; her body temperature registered 106 degrees, sheriff's officials told the St. Petersburg Times.

The investigation was continuing, Tierney said.

She said the father was so distraught he could not be interviewed and was taken to a hospital for treatment, she said.

Inverness is about 60 miles north of Tampa.

On July 15 in Boca Raton, a 3-year-old boy died after his father mistakenly left him in his car for about three hours.

The father has been charged with aggravated manslaughter of a child.

Uninsured workers

CT HARTFORD — A survey of hundreds of small companies in Connecticut found that nearly 40 percent of the businesses' employees aren't given health insurance coverage.

Many companies said they didn't offer insurance because of cost. The survey was part of a state Office of Health Care Access project to expand employer-sponsored health coverage.

Buttering up fairgoers

IA DES MOINES — A butter birthday cake and a butter barn will join the butter cow at the Iowa State Fair this year.

Norma "Duffy" Lyon is sculpting a giant three-layer birthday cake to celebrate the fair's 150th anniversary.

Lyon also is sculpting a small dairy barn. The fair has had a butter cow every year since 1911.

Stories and photos from news wires

Horoscope

Sometimes, it's hard to get organized when the moon is void of course, but the Leo sun urges us to shoot from the hip, undaunted by such nuisances as preparation and planning. The result is, you just might get a lot done in a short period of time. You also might blunder in such a way that causes a lot of extra work. It's better than doing nothing.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(August 3). You embrace your destiny the year 'Mix and mingle through the next four weeks, getting to know more people who influence the goals you set and help you make them happen.

Love relationships require you to be flexible this fall — some of you will even move to be with a sweet-heart. A windfall in May has to do with family connections.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Self-discipline is high, and even the most hectic of schedules happens in an orderly manner. You can get a team of people to agree to a solitary aim, and everything gets accomplished quickly, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Excitement is in the world of finance.

You come up with solutions to your money problems but are even more effective helping others. Why does it seem like romance cost so much money? Maybe it's the person you're pursuing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're right in tune with the times, as usual. But don't let your hip approach and need to be on the cutting edge lead you into the path of temptation. Be extra vigilant in guarding against your most destructive tendency.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whatever you volunteer for brings love into your realm. You're especially draw to a Virgo or Sagittarius.

Tonight, time with the family is nice or frustrating depending on whether or not you criticize loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel you can do anything. Make the most of this invincible mood. Your association with Sagittarius will help you improve your focus and direc-

tion. The most important thing is not to second-guess yourself once you've decided.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Events go as intended, but the forces involved change. Be open to letting people flow in or out of your plans. Accurate assumptions put you ahead in love and in business.

Join a group to enlarge your network.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The last thing you want to do today is anything that you should be doing. Breaking the rules is thrilling, and your rebel spirit seems to feed you with the energy you need to conquer your immediate obstacles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When your confidence is high, everything else about you clicks. You become a magnet for interest from interesting people. Don't tell people how intelligent you are — show them. There's nothing worse than a know-it-all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Recent weeks have tossed many a fascination into your path, lending a broader view of the world. Since no one can do it all, let today be about choosing one or two prime targets to concentrate your energy on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A partner is very persuasive, but you should stick to your guns. Trouble follows any decision against your inner wisdom. You may have to pick up the slack for someone unreliable, and this really bugs you. Raise the standards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Persistence pays off. You could finally get a grant or loan, or put a stalled project back on track. In any case, you're the hero of the hour. Many you not know it for several months, but what you do affects your career long term.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mind is quicker than you realize.

You often assume that everyone is like you, and that assumption is untrue. Never take it for granted that you are being understood. Go out of your way to communicate your thoughts.

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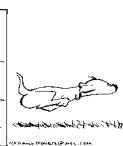
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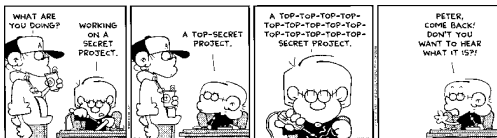
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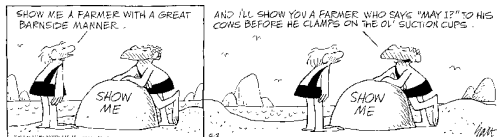
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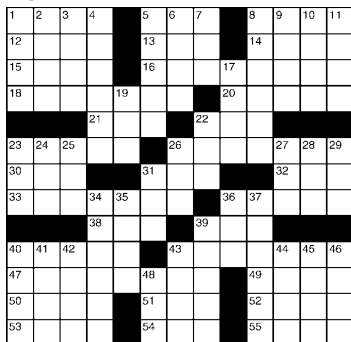
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- 15 Commotion
- 16 Aussie critter
- 18 Rug cleaner
- 20 Kitchen come-on
- 21 Placekicker's pride
- 22 Plasmic
- 23 Pleasure craft
- 26 Monster
- 30 Carte lead-in
- 31 Predicament
- 32 Grecian container
- 33 Sternutation sound effect
- 36 Precipitateness
- 38 Tyrannosaurus —
- 39 Blue
- 40 Illicit affair
- 43 It comes after 23
- 47 Napoleon's downfall
- 49 Bear up there
- 50 Skip over
- 51 Oklahoma city
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- 53 Smaller
- 54 Crony
- 55 Hollywood clashers
- 2 Old Testament book
- 3 Met melody
- 4 Cordiality
- 5 Tea type
- 6 Golfer Aoki
- 7 Nerd-pack occupant
- 8 Capital of Laconia
- 9 Modern-day coin
- 10 Teeny bit
- 11 Old portico
- 17 "West Side Story" group
- 19 Caudron
- 22 "La Cage — Folies"
- 23 Tie up the phone
- 24 Milwaukee product
- 25 Jam ingredient
- 26 Resume
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- 29 Half and half?
- 31 Crafty chap
- 34 Oil-and-vinegar bottles
- 35 Munich mister
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- 39 Toaster's word
- 40 MP's target
- 41 Patrick Dennis' aunt
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Dolphins expect only Minor adjusting

By MARK LONG

The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Rookie Fred Russell settled into Ricky Williams' former locker, a clear indication the Miami Dolphins were ready to move on as they opened training camp Saturday without their star running back.

It wasn't easy.

Although Williams wasn't listed on any rosters and his No. 34 was nowhere to be found on the first day of camp, the majority of questions centered around his sudden and stunning retirement that left the Dolphins with a huge void to fill.

"It's football. People always leave football," tight end Randy McMichael said. "Sure, Ricky was the centerpiece of our offense. But now that he's not here, we have to move on. We can't just sit here and say, 'Oh my God, he's gone. What are we going to do now?'"

"We have to play football — with or without him."

Williams, who ran for 3,225 yards in two years with the Dolphins, hasn't given the team any reason to believe he will change his mind about quitting football.

The quirky, 27-year-old former Heisman Trophy winner told *The Miami Herald* reporters playing a large role in his decision to walk away after just five pro seasons.

"It makes for a great story, but for the most part, we're not even going to think about it," linebacker Junior Seau said. "We're not going to put any energy toward it. Obviously, there are probably going to be some personal thoughts that everyone may have, but we're going to deal with football and come together as a team. We're going to focus on the guys in the locker room."

Center Seth McKinney was



Dolphins running back Travis Minor (28) tries to elude Morlon Greenwood, right, during the first day of training camp as the starter.

maybe the most critical of Williams' decision, calling it "the most selfish thing a person could do." "I said what I meant and I meant what I said," McKinney said. "I said he quit, and he did. I was bothered by it, but he's not part of this team and it doesn't affect us anymore. It's over. I was upset, but I'm not worried about it one bit."

The Dolphins have plenty of other things to worry about, like signing Pro Bowl defensive end Akeem Ogburne, deciding between Jay Fiedler and A.J. Feeley at quarterback, solidifying a revamped offensive line and working the kinks out of an offense that changed coordinators twice since the end of last season.

Williams' retirement overshadowed all of last Saturday.

"It's been overanalyzed and talked about. It's over now. Let it go. He's gone," defensive end Jason Taylor said. "I don't know where he is. I know we have a locker room full of guys who want

to play football. The timing was difficult, but you're dead head hands sometimes and you have to play them."

"Our goals haven't changed. Our expectations haven't changed. Our resolve hasn't changed."

But the backfield sure has. Travis Minor opened camp as the starter, taking the first hand-off, sprinting up the middle.

The 5-foot-10, 205-pound back carried just 85 times for 373 yards the last two years and hasn't started a game in three NFL seasons.

"You have to look at it just like Ricky got hurt the first day of training camp and you lost him for the season," Taylor said. "New England won last year, and they didn't have Ricky. Their back wasn't half the back Ricky was."

"I've got the utmost confidence in Travis Minor. I'd give him the ball and see how far he can take it, then give him some water and hand it to him again."

Gibbs 'nervous' as Redskins open camp

The Associated Press

When Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs arrived at his first training camp in 12 years on Saturday, his players were waiting for him — and so were a few thousand fans.

They applauded the return of the Hall of Fame coach that led the Redskins to three Super Bowl titles.

"I didn't expect this many fans," said quarterback Mark Brunell, who never saw such hoopla in nine years with the Jacksonville Jaguars. "I knew there was going to be a lot of people here, but it's unbelievable."

Gibbs concentrated mostly on the offense but also paid close attention to special teams drills — a significant change from the departed Steve Spurrier, who always stayed close to the quarterbacks.

Asked to compare his emotions to his first Redskins training camp in 1981, the 63-year-old Gibbs joked: "I'm too old to remember '81."

"I think it's a lot of the same things, a lot of the same emotions," he added. "Nervous, apprehensive."

The season was the most physical Redskins practice since the early days of Norm Turner in the mid-1990s, with live tackling on some inside running plays.

"We're never really taking breaks," tackle Chris Samuel said. "We're always working. Last year and previous years, we would go hard and take some periods off where we were taking through some stuff. But we're on the field, we work hard, we get off the field."

Gibbs kept the quarterback competition as level as possible.

Brunell took the first set of reps, but he and Patrick Ramsey saw an edge number of snaps. Gibbs said he won't decide on a quarterback until the final exhibition game.

Gibbs gave the first session a mediocre grade. There were too



many botched snaps and poorly run routes to make him happy.

"A good attitude — very rough," Gibbs said.

Bills' top picks sign

The Buffalo Bills' top two picks will be at training camp when it starts Sunday, one day after agreeing to contract terms.

Quarterback J.P. Losman signed a five-year deal that includes a \$5.6 million signing bonus. It could be worth as much as \$24.5 million if Losman meets all his incentives. Receiver Lee Evans also reached a deal Saturday but terms were not disclosed. Evans was selected 13th overall out of Wisconsin and Losman 22nd out of Tulane.

Rams' Turley re-injures back

MACOMB, Ill. — St. Louis Rams offensive tackle Kyle Turley re-injured his surgically repaired back Saturday and left training camp to get further tests, and he's concerned the situation could be career-threatening.

Turley underwent an MRI exam Saturday night, and on Sunday he was driving back to St. Louis. He also talked of possibly meeting with a back specialist in Los Angeles.

"It was a threat to my career last year," Turley said. "For it to have possibly reoccurred is definitely a bigger threat."

RB Bell breaks finger

Rookie running back Tatum Bell ended his third-day holdout on Saturday only to break his right middle finger on Saturday when he hit someone's helmet during a drill.

Coach Mike Shanahan said he hopes Bell will be able to practice next week, but he won't be sure until doctors examine the finger.

Slimmer Dayne looking to restore success

By TOM CANAVAN

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — By all appearances, Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne is making the most of what could be his last chance with the New York Giants.

Just looking at the Giants' first-round draft pick in 2000 tells the story.

His gut is gone. His body is lean. His mind is focused on playing football — playing being the key word — for new coach Tom Coughlin in a backfield where he will share time at halfback with Tiki Barber.

"I think he realizes this is his time. This is his opportunity," Barber said Saturday before practices at camp. "Coach Coughlin laid it right out for him when they met in the offseason. I am going to expect this out of you."

Dayne obviously listened after enduring the most frustrating and embarrassing season of his career, at any level.

In 2003, Dayne did not dress for one game. Despite being healthy, Jim Fassel made him inactive 16 times in a season in

which the Giants won four games.

Dayne doesn't like to talk about the season, which was the final insult in a downward spiral for the man who left Wisconsin as the NCAA's all-time leading rusher.

"I just love to play football, and I want to win," Dayne said.

Barber said the season could have been a career breaker.

"Seasons like that, and situations like that, are what put people in the tank and cause them to retire," Barber said. "Ron didn't do that. It's been a blessing having a second chance, and frankly, he has taken advantage of it."

After taking over for Fassel in January, one of the first things Coughlin did was talk to Dayne, who was entering the final year of his contract.

A no-nonsense coach, Coughlin simply said everybody was going to start his tenure with a clean slate.

Dayne took advantage. He worked out daily, joined the team for the offseason training program and started to eat sensibly, cutting out the late night snacks.

While Dayne refuses to discuss his weight, Barber said Dayne weighed 233 pounds on Friday. Dayne reported to camp at 245 pounds last season.

"I see a hungry person, a person who wants to play," receiver Amari Toomer said. "He has lost a lot of weight. He is looking really good. A lot of people are surprised and happy, pleasantly surprised, the way he has worked out this offseason."

Having Dayne and Barber split the half-back job is nothing new. The combination of the two players carried the Giants to a Super Bowl appearance in 2000. Barber gained 1066 yards on 213 carries and Dayne had 770 on 228 attempts.

It was a "thunder and lightning" combination with Barber running inside and Dayne pounding inside the tackles.

Barber still has his "thunder and lightning" T-shirt.

"We complement each other well and push each other all the time," Dayne said. "We know when one of us is slowing down and one of us is feeling good and is on a roll. We have to talk to each other and be



Running back Ron Dayne is making the most of what could be his last chance with the Giants, entering camp in great shape.

straightforward with each other. "If he isn't doing that good on a couple of plays, I'll tell him, and if I'm not, he'll tell me. It's like being a big brother," Dayne said.

Stupples ties record low to win first major

The Associated Press

SUNNINGDALE, England — Karen Stupples won her first major title Sunday with a record-tying score of 19-under 269 at the Women's British Open, while defending champion Annika Sorenstam's bid to become the second woman to win all four majors back-to-back ended in a tie for 13th.

Stupples shot an 8-under 64 in the final round to tie the record-low score in a major, set by Dottie Pepper at the 1999 Nabisco Dinah Shore, and finish five shots in front of Rachel Teske.

Starting the round a stroke behind third-round co-leaders Heather Bowie and Teske, Stupples began the day with an eagle on No. 1 and a double-eagle on the second hole.

"I thought, 'Crikey, it could be my day,'" said Stupples, who led after the first and second rounds. "Ideally I wanted to go birdie-birdie but eagle-albatross is unbelievable."

"I couldn't believe it, the crowd just went wild."

Stupples was the first English winner at the Women's British Open since Penny Grice-Whittaker in 1991 and first English winner of a major since Alison Nicholas, who won the U.S. Open in 1997.

Sorenstam, who had been chasing her eighth major and second this season, finished in a tie for 13th place at 8-under 280 after a final-round 71. The Swede, who successfully defended her LPGA Championship title in June, had been attempting to join Mickey Wright as the only golfer to win all four majors back-to-back.

Sorenstam also won the U.S. Open in 1995-96 and the Nabisco Championship in 2001-02.

Wright won the 1958-59 U.S. Opens, 60-61 LPGA Championships, 61-62 Titleholders and 62-63 U.S. Opens.

"Of course I'm disappointed. I gave it all I got this week. It was tough for me. I missed a few shots here and there and I really couldn't get it going," Sorenstam said. "I tried really hard. I tried and I fought and I didn't give up until the last putt went in."



England's Karen Stupples tied the record low for a major, shooting an 8-under 64 on Sunday to win the Women's British Open in Sunningdale, England.

"It's just unfortunate. I thought I was prepared, I came in with a lot of good thoughts. Life goes on. I think I underestimated some of the rough areas around here."

Despite her scorching start, Stupples still found herself even with Teske after 12 holes. However, she pulled away with long birdie putts on 15, 16 and 17. Teske ended up with a 70. Bowie finished another stroke back after a 71.

Singh holds off Daly, Woods for title

GRAND BLANC, Mich. — The final round of the Buick Open on Sunday turned into a virtual match-play between Vijay Singh and John Daly, one of the top golfers in the world against one of game's most popular.

Singh outlasted Daly with a 5-under 67 Sunday to win the Buick Open at 23-under 265 for his fourth victory of the year and 19th of his career. Daly, vying for a second win in one year for the first time, finished a stroke back after shooting a 66 and bogeying the 18th hole.

Tiger Woods started the day three strokes behind Singh, and pulled within a stroke while shooting a 66. He finished at 21 under, two strokes off and tied with Carlos Franco (67) for third.

Defending champion Jim Furyk, who shared the second-round lead with Singh, finished tied for sixth at 17 under after shooting a 68 on Sunday.

Singh's bogey at 18 created an opportunity for Daly to force a playoff, but Daly was unable to take advantage of the break.

Singh is just the third two-time Buick Open champion, and the first since Julius Boros won at Warwick Hills a second time in 1967.

Entering the tournament, Singh had 10 top-10 finishes. But since winning consecutive tournaments three months ago, he has won the top five finishes. Singh was tied for 28th at the U.S. Open and 20th at the British Open.

The Fijian played well this week after changing his putter.

He went back to a standard putter after using a long one for 2½ years.

Kite moves into lead in Senior Open

ST. LOUIS — Tom Kite shot a 6-under 65 Sunday to take a two-shot lead after three rounds of the U.S. Senior Open.

Kite moved to 11 under with 18 holes to play. Second-round co-leader Peter Jacobsen shot a 2-under 69 and was tied for second with Bob Gilder (67) at 9 under. Rain washed out play on Friday, prompting the decision to play 36 holes Sunday at Bellevue Country Club. The 7,117-yard course is the longest in the Senior Open's 25-year history. Sunday's temperature was around 90 degrees with high humidity.

Kite had seven birdies in the third round, including five of the last seven. His lone bogey came on the par-4 10th hole.

Jacobsen, playing on a surgically repaired hip that makes walking so difficult he had to withdraw from his two previous tournaments, made par on the first hole, then had a string of three birdies. He also birdied No. 14 to get to 11 under, but made bogey at Nos. 15 and 17.

Several other big names were within striking distance, including two hometown favorites.

Hale Irwin, who has a home in the St. Louis suburb Frontenac, shot a 4-under 67 to move to 8 under. Jay Haas, from Bellevue, Ill., just across the Mississippi River, shot a 1-under 70 and was at 7 under.

Second-round co-leader Craig Stadler had 17 pars and a double bogey on the par-3 16th. He was at 5 under, along with Jose Canizares, who shot a 1-over 72.

Donald earns first European Tour win

LÖDDEKÖPINGE, Sweden — England's Luke Donald claimed his first European Tour victory Sunday, carding a 3-under 69 for a five shot victory at the Scandinavian Masters.

Donald, who plays primarily on the PGA Tour, finished at 16-under 272 at Barseback Golf and Country Club, Sweden's Peter Hanson (71) and Henrik Stenson (69) tied for second at 11 under.

Three-time Scandinavian Masters champion Colin Montgomerie, who made bogey on the last two holes, and England's Ian Poulter (65) shared fourth place at 9 under. Montgomerie, who shot a 5-under 67, won two of his three titles at Barseback.

Federer breaks Roddick to stretch win streak to 23

The Associated Press

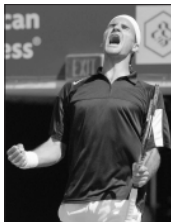
TORONTO — Roger Federer won his third straight title Sunday, beating Andy Roddick 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the \$2.5 million Tennis Masters Canada.

The top-ranked Federer, who won his eighth event of the year, extended his winning streak to 23 matches and raised his career record against the No. 2-ranked Roddick to 10-1.

"Andy, I'm sorry you didn't win another final," said Federer. "But in the future I'm sure we'll play many, many more great matches than you'll get your fair share of them."

Roddick defeated Federer in the semifinals of this event last year and went on to win the tournament. Since then, Roddick is 0-3 against Federer, including a four-set loss in the Wimbledon final.

"I'd like to congratulate



Roger Federer celebrates as he breaks Andy Roddick's serve on his way to winning the Tennis Masters Canada final 7-5, 6-3.

Roger," Roddick said. "You're certainly becoming very annoying."

Federer was the more solid of the two before a sun-drenched

sellout crowd of 12,000 spectators at Rexall Centre. Roddick often went to the net, attempting to dictate the match, but was often thwarted by solid returns or passing shots.

"I thought I played the big points pretty well," Roddick said. "He just made great shots."

Federer's 23-match win streak is the longest on the men's tour since Pete Sampras won 24 straight five years ago.

The match marked the first time the top seeds in this event met in the final since 1995, when Andre Agassi defeated Sampras.

Roddick was trying to become the first champion to successfully defend the title since Agassi accomplished the feat in 1994-95.

Federer got a break in the 12th game and took the first set.

After gaining the advantage with a stellar backhand that handcuffed Roddick at the net, Federer captured the win when Roddick's forehand went long. Roddick then hurled his racket into the nearby photographer's pit in

frustration.

It marked just the second time in the tournament Roddick was broken.

The two remained on serve in the second, but Roddick required medical attention on his lower back after Federer went ahead 2-1.

The help seemed to work as Roddick held serve and tied the set 2-1.

But Federer took control of the match with a crucial service break to go ahead 5-3. After falling behind 40-0, Roddick saved two of the break points, but had a shot sail wide to give Federer the victory.

Davenport earns Calif. slam

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Three weeks, three titles for Lindsay Davenport.

Davenport defeated French Open champion Anastasia Myskina 6-1, 6-1 in the Acura Classic final Sunday, extending her winning streak to 14 consecutive matches.

She also completed a California slam for the second time in her career, equaling her feat of 1998, when she won hardcourt tournaments at Stanford, Carlsbad and Los Angeles before winning her first U.S. Open title.

"I feel like I totally deserve everything that's happened to me," she said. "I've proven a lot to myself the last three weeks."

This summer, her three-title run at Stanford, Carson and Carlsbad included victories over Venus (twice) and Serena Williams (once) — her first wins over the sisters in four years.

Davenport needed just 48 minutes to dismantle Myskina with angled groundstrokes and crisp volleys for her fifth WTA Tour title of the year. She improved her match record to 7-6.

The third-seeded Myskina was visibly tired from 6-2, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (15) semifinal victory over 12th-seeded Vera Zvonareva 12 hours earlier's match. It was just two break points against Davenport's big serve, and committed 16 unforced errors.

Johnson completes sweep at Pocono track

Driver dominates to extend lead in Nextel Cup points

BY DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Jimmie Johnson pulled off a clean sweep at Pocono Raceway.

Johnson dominated at the track for the second time in seven weeks, building on his NASCAR Nextel Cup points lead and winning the Pennsylvania 500 on Sunday in a race that further shuffled the rest of the standings.

"That race car was incredible," said Johnson, who's the first driver to win the Pocono 500 and Pennsylvania 500 in the same year since Bobby Labonte in 1999.

Under the old points system, Johnson probably could have cruised toward his first career points title. Instead, he'll be lumped with the rest of the drivers in the top 10, along with any others within 400 points of the lead after the 26th race, to compete for the championship over the last 10 races of the season.

"The 'Chase for the Cup' begins at New Hampshire International Speedway on Sept. 19."

Mark Martin continued a recent string of solid finishes by placing second, and Kasey Kahne was third. Greg Biffle and Jeff Gordon rounded out the top five.

"I don't know if anyone can beat Jimmie Johnson here right now," said Gordon, who moved to second in the standings.

While Johnson cruised, some of the big names in the top 10 struggled. Tony Stewart, Kevin Harvick, Bobby Labonte and Kurt Busch all failed to finish while Ryan Newman was 13th.

Harvick fell from ninth overall to 10th after failing to finish a race for the first time since October 2002 in Atlanta. Labonte



John Andretti, left, is helped by a crew member as he replaces Dale Earnhardt Jr. during the 53rd lap of the Pennsylvania 500 on Sunday in Long Pond, Pa. Earnhardt is still recovering from second-degree burns sustained in a car crash July 18.

dropped from seventh to ninth overall, while Newman jumped from 10th to eighth.

Jeremy Mayfield, Kahne and Martin all got closer to that 10th and final spot.

"That fact is a miracle," Martin said. "Now can we make it to the top 10? We all need to go win the Brickyard. That would make up for all the heartbreak we experienced this year."

Dale Earnhardt Jr., with second-degree burns on his legs, neck and chin from a crash two weeks ago during a sports car

event, started the race to get the championship points but gave up the seat to John Andretti after completing 52 laps.

Andretti made another quick pit stop to readjust, but finished 25th after the car was black-flagged by NASCAR for not maintaining the minimum speed.

"I could have run the rest of the way, but the car was so bad, there was no use in me being in there wasting my time," Earnhardt said. "I should be out of the car trying to get better."

Earnhardt said he would be ready for

this week's Brickyard 400, perhaps the marquee event outside of Daytona on the NASCAR schedule.

Stewart was knocked out when he wrecked on lap 108. Sandwiched between Kahne and Kyle Busch, Stewart's No. 14 Chevrolet got loose and the nose slammed the wall. The car rolled backward — just narrowly avoiding a rush of cars — and came to rest in the infield.

Stewart looked angry and had his hands on his hips as he looked at his mangled car back in the garage area, but NASCAR's reigning bad boy kept his cool.

They probably would have all needed a near-flawless performance anyway to catch Johnson, who won his fourth race this year and had his 12th top-10 finish in the last 14 races.

Johnson, who has expressed his disdain for the first-year points system, started 14th and earned a \$90,000 bonus from NASCAR for winning the race as the past leader. He's the first points leader to win the race in Pocono since Jeff Gordon in 1998.

It was brutal day for the contenders on the demanding 2½-mile triangular track that boasts the longest straightaway in NASCAR at seven-tenths of a mile. It didn't help that rain wiped out a practice session Saturday and shortened one on Friday.

That left qualifying as the only significant time for teams on the track. Several drivers, including Gordon and Newman, complained their cars were too tight early in the race.

It was overcast at the start when Joe Newman took advantage of his second-place start to lead for 31 laps until a slow, sloppy pit stop stalled his momentum and all traces of contention.

He finished 11th.

That allowed Johnson to lead for the first time on lap 32, and he would end up leading a total of 124 laps. He broke a recent trend at Pocono where the top 14 races there won from a top-five starting position.

Johnson was the only driver to turn a lap this year in 55 seconds.

Pole-sitter Casey Mears finished 18th.

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Brown aims to get U.S. team focused

BY ROY KAMMERER
The Associated Press

COLOGNE, Germany — Larry Brown wants to move on.

The U.S. Olympic basketball coach said Sunday that the suspension of Allen Iverson, LeBron James and Amare Stoudemire is forgotten. He would rather focus on a tough road trip against some of Europe's top teams leading up to Athens Olympics.

Brown refused to let Iverson, James and Stoudemire play in the team's 96-71 win over Puerto Rico on Saturday, punishment for the trio showing up late for a team meeting.

"It won't happen again. They'll play the next game and some will start," Brown said.

The U.S. squad arrived in Germany on Sunday, shook off the jet lag and held its first practice.

And Brown is having some second thoughts about whether this series of exhibitions, which includes a game against world champion Serbia and Montenegro, is ideal for his team.

That's a switch from last year, when he was eager for the trip

after the U.S. team romped through Olympic qualifying in Puerto Rico with a 10-0 record. Since then, however, veterans from that team, including Mike Bibby, Tracy McGrady and Ray Allen, have bailed out.

Now, Brown is drilling the youngest U.S. Olympic team, with an average age of 23.6 years, since NBA players were first allowed into the 1992 Games.

James, Dwyane Wade and Carmelo Anthony may be talented, but they are newcomers to basketball abroad. The team played together just one week, and many players will need a crash course in the different rules of the international game.

Brown thought the team had put all that behind them in Puerto Rico.

"We thought that team would be playing. We thought we had laid the foundation," Brown said. "Now I think maybe we can use the practice."

The U.S. team faces Italy on Tuesday, followed by Germany and Dirk Nowitzki on Wednesday. Then it plays two more away games against Serbia and Montenegro and Turkey.

Sunday's practice was a closed session in a sweating small gym. Only a handful of reporters were let in to watch a late shoot-around and talk to the players.

From across the world, the German organizers of the exhibition game said more than 500 media sought accreditation for the two games, with around 350 gaining approval. That's about a 100 more than followed the U.S. team's training camp in Jacksonville.

While handling the growing hoopla, Brown will have to get his young team used to the international game's wider lanes, the different calls from referees, the shortened three-point line, along with schooling them in some simple plays.

All that will be needed to offset the American's disadvantage, which proved to be costly at the world championships in Indianapolis, where it was beaten three times and finished fifth.

While the U.S. squad has three short weeks to forge a cohesive team, other world powers like Argentina and Serbia and Montenegro have players who have been on the court together for years.

Cabrera has on-and-down debut for Red Sox

New shortstop homers, makes key error vs. Twins

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Orlando Cabrera made a big impression on his first day in a Red Sox uniform — both good and bad.

Boston's new shortstop homered in his first at-bat, but his error in the eighth inning allowed the go-ahead run to score and the Minnesota Twins edged the Red Sox 4-3 Sunday.

Cabrera, replacing longtime star Nomar Garciaparra at shortstop, was acquired from Montreal in a four-team deal that sent Garciaparra to the Chicago Cubs just before baseball's trade deadline Saturday.

John Santana outpitched Pedro Martinez in a matchup of strikeout artists. Santana (10-6) fanned 12, one more than Martinez, who left after seven innings

with a 3-2 lead.

"They were making some balls do a lot of funny things up there," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "You'd see hitters looking away and rolling their eyes — that's what pitching's all about."

The Twins rallied for two runs against Boston's bullpen in the eighth. Cristian Guzman and Lew Ford singled off reliever Mike Timlin (4-1), then advanced on a double steal with Justin Morneau at the plate.

Morneau hit a 3-2 pitch from Alan Embree to deep center field, where Gabe Kapler hauled it in on the warning track. Guzman easily scored the tying run on the sacrifice fly, and Ford scampered home when Cabrera kicked Kapler's relay throw across the infield for an error.

Kapler actually overthrew his first relay man, second baseman Mark Bellhorn, but Cabrera — who joined the team during batting practice Sunday morning — didn't realize that a secondary cut-off man was in line to retrieve the errant throw.

"I was thinking [Ford] was trying to score," Cabrera said. "We missed the cut and I saw the play as a loose ball. I went after it, and didn't see [first baseman David McCarty] behind me. I kicked it with my left foot and it got away."

Boston manager Terry Francona wrote off the mistake as a communication breakdown that happens when players join new teams.

"It could have been played better, but we're dealing with a guy who's been here for an hour,"



Minnesota Twins' Corey Koskie (47) is safe at home after colliding with Boston Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek (33) and knocking the ball away in the second inning Sunday in Minneapolis. The Twins won 4-3.

Francona said. "It's impossible to go over everything in an hour."

Manny Ramirez homered for the Red Sox, who fell 9½ games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. The AL Central-leading Twins won for

the 10th time in 12 games.

Santana (10-6) allowed two hits and walked one in eight innings for the win. He allowed three runs, two earned, and struck out at least 10 for the seventh time in his last nine starts.

Garcia, Davis shake White Sox out of lengthy slump

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Freddy Garcia gave the struggling Chicago White Sox a big lift.

"That's why we got him," manager Ozzie Guillen said. "So he can stop the bleeding."

Garcia pitched into the eighth inning, and Ben Davis and Aaron Rowand homered to help the White Sox snap their season-high seven-game losing streak with a 6-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Sunday.

Rowand and Paul Konerko each had three of the 14 hits for the White Sox, whose last win was July 24 against the Tigers.

Garcia (9-9) allowed four runs and five hits in 7½ innings, and struck out eight and walked one. Shinger Takatsu pitched the ninth for his ninth save in as many opportunities.

Brandon Inge and Rondell White homered for the Tigers, who won the first three games of the series.

Jeremy Bonderman (6-8) started for Detroit, but was hit in the leg by Jose Valentin's line drive with one out in the second.

He left the game for X-rays, which were negative. The team said Bonderman has a bruised left shin and is expected to make his next scheduled start Saturday.

"It hurt a lot because it was hit on mostly bone, not muscle," Bonderman said. "I'm happy and frustrated. Happy that the injury wasn't worse, but frustrated about being hit and not able to help my team."

Bonderman allowed two runs and two hits in 1½ innings, and was replaced by Danny Patterson.

"Not trying to do anything special at the plate," Davis said.

"Just trying to make hard contact and hope for the best."

In other AL games Sunday:

Royals 8, Indians 7: John Buck's three-run homer capped a four-run fourth inning, and Kansas City held on to win at home.

Ken Harvey added two run-scoring doubles and Abraham Garcia obtained Saturday in trade with Florida, had two RBIs in his Royals debut.

The Royals took two of three games in their first series win since taking three of four from Minnesota from July 15-18. That was also the last time, before this weekend, that Kansas City had won consecutive games.

Darrell May (8-11) gave up two runs on six hits, walked two and struck out two in five innings.

Yankees 9, Orioles 7: Alex Rodriguez homered for the third straight day. Hideki Matsui keyed a five-run fourth with a two-run double and New York beat visiting Baltimore.

Floyd Clark hit a two-run homer in the fourth off Rodrigo Lopez (8-7) and Kenny Lofton also connected as the Yankees won for the 11th time in 13 games against Baltimore this season.

Orlando Hernandez (3-0) baffled Baltimore for five innings, striking out nine.

Athletics 4, Rangers 1: Mark Redman pitched seven innings. Eric Chavez homered and visiting Oakland increased its AL West lead over the slumping Rangers.

Mark Kotsay homered and Adam Melhuse drove in two runs for the A's, who took three out of four in the series to take a 1½-game lead over the Rangers.

Redman (8-8) gave up one run and six hits on a humid, 95-degree afternoon. He struck out four and didn't issue a walk in sending Texas to seventh loss in nine games.

Devil Rays 5, Blue Jays 3: Devon Brazelton gave up one run and three hits in 6½ innings and Aubrey Huff hit a two-run homer for Tampa Bay at Tropicana Field.

Tampa Bay got off to a good



Ben Davis (12) is congratulated by Chicago White Sox teammate Paul Konerko, left, after hitting a three-run homer Sunday against Detroit.

start on its season-high 13-game homestand by winning five of six, including two of three against the Blue Jays.

Brazelton (4-3) struck out four and walked four, and has given up just three runs overall in 12½ innings in winning consecutive starts. Danyels Baez pitched a perfect ninth for his 22nd save in 24 opportunities.

In AL games Saturday:

Athletics 9, Rangers 4: Barry Zito (7-7) improved to 8-0 in 10 career road starts against Texas, allowing four runs and five hits in 5½ innings. He struck out four and walked five. Erubiel Durazo went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs for Oakland.

Twins 5, Boston 4: Jacques Jones hit a tiebreaking solo home run in the eighth inning, a few hours after the clubs were involved in a four-team trade.

Jones hit his 17th homer off Alan Embree (2-2) with one out for the go-ahead run after Michael Cuddyer had tied it with a solo homer in the seventh.

Angels 9, Mariners 8: Jose Guillen hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning to give host Ana-

haim a stunning victory. Curtis Pride, who took over in the outfield for injured Vladimir Guerrero, opened the 11th with a single

off Eddie Guardado (2-2). Guillen drove an 0-1 pitch into the left-field bullpen for his 20th homer and career-high fifth hit.

Royals 10, Indians 3: Matt Stairs hit a three-run double as host Kansas City broke an eight-game losing streak. Mike Sweeney and Desi Relaford also homered for Kansas City, and Stairs matched a career high with his third triple of the season.

Tigers 3, White Sox 2 (10): Cliff Politte walked Carlos Guillen to force in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th.

First baseman Paul Konerko saved a potential winning hit, making a diving catch of Dmitri Young's liner, but Guillen followed by walking on a 3-1 pitch.

Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 5: Jorge Sosa (3-0) allowed two runs over five innings in his first start of the year, and Robert Fick hit a two-run homer for Tampa Bay at Tropicana Field.

Carlos Delgado homered in his two at-bats against Sosa.

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Braves enjoy sweeps week

NL East leaders take three straight to leave fading New York nine back

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Andruw Jones homered and drove in four runs off former teammate Tom Glavine and the Atlanta Braves completed a three-game sweep of the New York Mets with a 6-5 victory on Sunday.

Eli Marrero and Chipper Jones each had three hits for the NL East-leading Braves, who won their fifth straight and seventh in eight games, to move a season-high 12 games over .500.

The Braves dropped the fourth-place Mets nine games behind.

Glavine (8-9) continued a recent slide by losing for the sixth time in eight starts and fell to 1-5 against Atlanta, where he played the first 16 seasons of his career. Andruw Jones improved to 7-for-15 (.467) against Glavine with three home runs.

In five innings, Glavine gave up six runs on nine hits.

Paul Byrd (3-3) retired 15 of the first 16 batters he faced through five hitless innings before falling in the sixth with a 6-0 lead. He lost his bid for a no-hitter when David Wright led off with a solo homer to left, then left after Cliff Floyd's three-run shot later in the inning.

The Mets got within 6-5 on Mike Cameron's home run off Antonio Alfonseca to start the seventh, but newly acquired Tom Martin came on to retire pinch-hitter Gerald Williams and Jose Reyes on easy flyballs to end the threat.

John Smoltz allowed a one-out single in the ninth to Cameron, who then stole second, but struck out Vance Wilson and Wright for his 25th save in 27 chances.

Astros 7, Reds 5: Adam Everett's eighth-inning suicide squeeze drive in the go-ahead run and Roy Oswalt beat host Cincinnati again.

Morgan Ensberg had three

RBIs for the Astros, including a sacrifice fly in the eighth that cut the deficit to 5-4. After Jeff Kent scored the tying run on John Riedling's bases-loaded walk to Craig Biggio, Everett laid down a terrific bunt just beyond the reach of reliever Todd Van Poppel for a base hit that allowed Jeff Bagwell to score from third.

Ensberg added an RBI double in the ninth to make it 7-5, sending slumping Cincinnati to its 10th loss in 11 games. Jacob Cruz hit a two-run homer for the Reds and Wily Mo Pena had a two-run double.

Riedling (4-3) gave up three hits, two walks and three runs in two-thirds of an inning. He was ejected by plate umpire Andy Fletcher as he walked off the field after being relieved.

Oswalt (11-8) improved to 9-0 in 13 career appearances against the Reds, giving up five runs, four earned, and 10 hits in seven innings.

Dan Miceli worked a scoreless eighth and Brad Lidge got three outs for his 11th save in 13 opportunities. He got D'Angelo Jimenez to ground into a game-ending double play.

Rockies 10, Diamondbacks 2: Jeremy Burnitz drove in four runs with two homers to back Aaron Cook's second complete game as host Colorado completed a three-game sweep. Yutny Castilla, Todd Helton and Aaron Miles also homered for the Rockies, who have won seven straight against the Diamondbacks.

Cook (6-4) allowed two runs and seven hits in his first complete game since April 18, 2003, against San Diego.

Edgar Gonzalez (0-4) lasted only four innings and allowed seven runs for the Diamondbacks, who have been swept twice by the Rockies and have won only twice in the last 21 games.

In Saturday's NL games:

Giants 8, Cardinals 7: Ray Durham's bases-loaded triple



Houston's Jeff Kent scores an insurance run in the ninth inning Sunday ahead of the tag by Cincinnati catcher Jason LaRue. Houston won 7-5.

capped an eight-run first inning uprising against Matt Morris, which proved to be just enough for host San Francisco.

Morris (11-7) got two outs in a disastrous outing, allowing seven hits and a walk and hitting another of the 11 batters he faced. The Giants snapped a three-game losing streak despite getting just four hits after the first inning and ended St. Louis' winning streak at five games.

Padres 3, Dodgers 2: Phil Nevin's infield single drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth and Jay Payton and Mark Loretta also had RBIs as the host Padres overcame a home run by Dodgers starter Kazuhisa Ishii and pulled within 2½ games of first-place Los Angeles in the NL West.

Akinori Otsuka (6-2) got the final out of the eighth, and Trevor Hoffman pitched a perfect ninth for his 29th save in 32 chances.

Rockies 8, Diamondbacks 4: Shawn Estes (11-4) pitched six innings and host Colorado took advantage of Arizona's shoddy defense in a five-run sixth. Arizona

starter Brandon Webb (4-12) allowed six hits and six runs, but just one was earned.

Pirates 4, Brewers 1: Ryan Vogelsong (3-7), starting for the traded Kris Benson, gave up three hits and one run in five innings in his first start since June 23. He struck out four and walked one.

Braves 8, Mets 0: Jarret Wright stayed undefeated in July and Johnny Estrada homered to spoil the Mets debut of Kris Benson. Pitching against the Braves for the third straight start, Benson (8-9) lasted only five innings and lost his second in a row.

Wright (9-5) allowed three hits in seven innings and improved to 4-0 this month.

Expos 8, Marlins 5: Termel Sledge hit his first career grand slam after Paul Lo Duca hit a two-run homer in his first at-bat for Florida. Lo Duca, acquired with two other players from Los Angeles on Friday, joined the Marlins in their dugout in the fifth inning and homered in the sixth as a pinch-hitter.

Milwaukee keeps Bucs at bay with late rally

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Bill Hall's bases-loaded single in the ninth inning gave the Milwaukee Brewers an 8-7 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday and prevented the Brewers falling into the NL Central cellar.

Milwaukee won for only the sixth time in 18 games since the All-Star break to move into third in the division, a half-game ahead of Cincinnati and 1½ games on top of Pittsburgh.

The Pirates pulled for two runs in the top of the ninth against closer Dan Kolb to tie it 7-7. Geoff Jenkins doubled off Brian Meadows (2-3) leading off the bottom of the inning and went to third on Wes Helms' single. After an intentional walk to Lyle Overbay, Hall grounded a single through a drawn-in infield.

Jenkins also homered for the Brewers and Luis Vizcaino (4-2) got two outs for the victory.

Ben Sheets allowed 11 hits and five runs in seven innings, striking out six.

The Brewers scored three runs in the eighth to take a 7-5 lead.

Hall led off with a double, advanced to third on a flyout by Chad Moeller and scored on a squeeze-bunt single by Craig Counsell to tie it 5-5. Scott Podsednik's RBI triple gave the Brewers the lead, and he scored in a wild pitch by John Grabow.

Kolb walked pinch-hitter Bobby Hill with one out in the ninth, then hit Jason Kendall with a pitch and gave up an RBI double to Jack Wilson. Rob Mackowiak's sacrifice fly off Vizcaino tied it 7-7.

Pittsburgh starter Kip Wells, who has lost five of his last seven decisions, struck out seven and gave up nine hits and four runs in six innings. He was relieved in the seventh by Mike Gonzalez after giving up a leadoff single to Ben Grieve, who pinch-hit for Sheets.



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Dodgers are biggest gamblers at deadline

By ROSS NEWHAN

Los Angeles Times

The Big Unit wasn't traded on deadline Saturday, but a big parcel of the Red Sox shorthats and Garcia-Parra escapes a cycle of negativity that began with Boston's off-season attempt to acquire Alex Rodriguez? What to do about the New York Yankees' success in coercing the Chicago White Sox to take the inconsistent Jose Contreras in exchange for the more reliable Esteban Loaiza? What to feel about Paul DePodesta's bullpen-busting, outfield-altering, chemistry-challenging overhaul of the division-leading Dodgers after he failed to land the battery of Johnson and Johnson? Some answers:

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What to make of a trade in which Orlando Cabrera moves from the Montreal Expos to become the Red Sox shortstop and Garcia-Parra escapes a cycle of negativity that began with Boston's off-season attempt to acquire Alex Rodriguez? What to do about the New York Yankees' success in coercing the Chicago White Sox to take the inconsistent Jose Contreras in exchange for the more reliable Esteban Loaiza? What to feel about Paul DePodesta's bullpen-busting, outfield-altering, chemistry-challenging overhaul of the division-leading Dodgers after he failed to land the battery of Johnson and Johnson? Some answers:

No more Nomar:

This complex transaction should prove positive for the Cubs, whose shortstops (i.e. Alex Gonzalez, now Cabrera's replacement in Montreal) were the least productive in the National League last year for Garparras.

Not only does he go from one wild card possibility to another, securing a two-month look at a new league before becoming eligible for free agency, but he gets to breathe some fresh air.

"The media there dwelled on a perception of how unhappy they thought Nomar was," his dad, Ramon, said from his La Habra Heights, Calif., home Saturday, "and that just kept spreading, even though Nomar never said anything to support it."

"I mean, I don't know how unhappy he could have been when he just built a \$3 million house in



Dodgers General Manager Paul DePodesta took a big risk by trading popular catcher Paul Du Luca, left, to the Florida Marlins. He expected to get Charles Johnson from the Rockies but had to settle for Brent Mayne.

Boston that he hasn't even had the chance to move into yet, but we talked today and he definitely thinks this trade will be good for him.

"The hard part will be leaving the fans, but he's going to a good team and he should get more of a chance now to relax and go play. There were so many negatives going on with the team and his situation in Boston."

While the Cubs were giving up little for a franchise player, the Red Sox landed two Gold Glove winners in the trade — Cabrera and Minnesota Twins' first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz — and in a separate deal improved their depth and speed by acquiring Dave Roberts from the Dodgers.

"The reality is that we've been a .500 team for three months now," Boston General Manager Theo Epstein said. "We had a potential fatal flaw with our defense that this trade helps correct, and we have more dimension now with a guy like Dave Roberts."

All of that may be true, but on a

day that many in New England thought they would never see, the Red Sox trading the popular Garcia-Parra out of the division and league, the hated Yankees weren't simply sitting idle.

No way, Jose:

Lacking the type of prospects that might have influenced the Diamondbacks to trade Randy Johnson, the suspicion is that Yankee owner George Steinbrenner was determined to improve his fragile rotation.

The remarkable part of it was that the Yankees found a taker for the enigmatic Contreras, who was pounded by Baltimore on Thursday, is 8-5 with a 5.64 earned-run average and has almost 2½ years left on the bust of a four-year, \$32-million contract. Of course, the Yankees dipped into petty cash and agreed to include \$4 million in the deal for Loaiza, who won 21 games for the White Sox last year but has rivalled Contreras as a 2004 disappointment at

9-5, 4.86 and will be eligible for free agency.

When the accountants had finished, the suddenly struggling White Sox saw a greater upside with the multiyear commitment to the late talent of Contreras while the Yankees, eyeing October, preferred Loaiza's experience, stability and All-Star credentials.

No whining, please:

There is much at risk in the moves DePodesta made in the 48 hours before the deadline, but stop the whining. If the freshman general manager hadn't tried to add a pitcher and/or hitter, as the letter writers and talk shows urged, what would have been the reaction?

Brent Pardy upgrades the rotation while Hideo Nomo and Edwin Jackson remain on the disabled list and Jose Lima works with mirrors.

Steve Finley improves the offense while the Dodgers continue

to pray that the bone spur in Adrian Beltré's ankle doesn't break loose, and Hee Seop Choi arrives with more home runs than Shawn Green.

Should DePodesta have known that Charles Johnson was going to reject the chance to join the Dodgers before trading Paul Du Luca? Well, Johnson changed his mind so many times during the process that the Colorado Rockies catcher might have been diagnosed with altitude sickness.

Should DePodesta have known that he couldn't satisfy Arizona's demands for Randy Johnson before settling on Penny? Well, multiple sources now agree that it was hard to know what the Diamondbacks really wanted for Johnson or if they ever really intended to trade him or even if they ever presented the Dodgers to him. As for settling on Penny, didn't he have a 2-0 record in the World Series and isn't his earned-run average the NL's 11th best and better than that of any Dodger except Odlis Perez, who is also 3.15?

Make no mistake, there are issues here. Can Darren Dreifort and Duane Sanchez replace the setup corners of Guillermo Mota? Is Choi an emerging threat or are his 194 average against left-handers and 224 average with runners in scoring position too little comfort? Can Nomo and Brent Mayne replace Du Luca, and can the Dodgers compensate for the loss of leadership from Du Luca and Roberts?

Chemistry, of course, is a mysterious thing, but it is worth remembering that Dodger chemistry wasn't worth much in the second half of last season when Du Luca slumped badly, a management concern that was compounded by his falloff this June and July.

"I think chemistry is important," DePodesta said, "but I think it's more about guys getting along. It's also guys making the guys around them even better, and I think the guys they've been bringing in have a chance to do that."

The benefit of doubt? On deadline Saturday, at least, the GM gets it.

Hudson healthy, ready to rejoin A's

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Oakland Athletics pitcher Tim Hudson allowed two earned runs and two hits in three innings for Triple-A Sacramento in a rehab start Saturday night against Oklahoma.

Hudson, pitching for the first time since losing to Anaheim on June 22, was placed on the disabled list June 27 because of a strained left oblique muscle.

"My hip felt good," said Hudson, expected to start against the New York Yankees on Thursday. "My command was a little

shaky, but it's been a while since a real hitter has been in there. Any time you've been out like that, you're command is going to be off."

Boston's Ortiz drops appeal

MINNEAPOLIS — Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz dropped his appeal and began serving a five-game suspension Sunday.

Ortiz was suspended by the commissioner's office for throwing bats onto the field after he was ejected from a game July 16 at Anaheim.

Cubs activate Dempster

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs activated right-handed

Ryan Dempster from the disabled list Sunday and sent right-handed Todd Wellemeyer to Triple-A Iowa.

Dempster hasn't pitched since undergoing elbow ligament replacement surgery last August. He was 3-7 with a 6.54 ERA for the Cincinnati Reds last season before surgery.

Giants put Williams on DL

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants placed right-handed Jerome Williams on the 15-day disabled list Saturday with a strained muscle in his pitching arm.

The Giants recalled right-handed Merkin Valdez from Double-A Norwich to take Williams' roster spot.

Trade to New York caught Chicago's Loaiza offguard

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — During the All-Star break, Esteban Loaiza got a pretty good idea the New York Yankees were interested in him. He just didn't think they meant this soon.

"[Jason] Giambi was saying 'We want you, we want you,' " Loaiza said. "The way they were talking — [manager Joe] Torre and the coaching staff — they wanted me since four years ago, when I was with Texas."

Loaiza was approached by Torre, pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre and several players while at

the All-Star Game in Houston last month.

The 20-game winner didn't expect anything to happen before the offseason — when he can become a free agent — but when Arizona declined to make a trade proposal for Randy Johnson, the Yankees made their last-minute deal.

New York sent inconsistent Jose Contreras and \$3 million to the Chicago White Sox for the right-handed minutes before the non-waiver trade deadline on Saturday.

Torre said Loaiza will take Contreras' turn in the rotation and make his first start Wednesday against Oakland.

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Maddux denied in bid for 300th win

Cubs rally to beat Phillies in Garciaparra's Wrigley debut

BY RICK GANO
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Greg Maddux will have to wait for win No. 300.

Maddux came out after six innings with Chicago trailing by a run Sunday, so he wasn't around for a rally that carried Nomar Garciaparra and the Cubs to a 6-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

The right-hander wound up with a no-decision, denying him a piece of history. Maddux's next attempt to become the 22nd major league pitcher to reach 300 wins probably will come Saturday in San Francisco against Barry Bonds and the Giants.

After Maddux left, the Cubs scored four runs in the seventh, capped by an RBI single from Garciaparra. Chicago's new star shortstop was acquired from Boston in a four-team deal just before baseball's trade deadline Saturday.

Commissioner Bud Selig, Atlanta General Manager John Schuerholz and former Braves president Stan Kasten were at Wrigley Field to watch Maddux's bid for No. 300, along with a crowd of 39,032.

The 38-year-old Maddux is trying to become the first National League pitcher to reach 300 wins since Philadelphia's Steve Carlton in 1983. Roger Clemens accomplished the feat on his fourth try with the New York Yankees in June last season.

Maddux gave up six hits — including first-inning homers to Jimmy Rollins and Bobby Abreu — and three runs, two earned, in six innings. He walked two and struck out two, leaving with the Cubs trailing 3-2.

A great control pitcher, Maddux hit Marlon Byrd with a pitch to start the fifth, and the Phillies broke a 2-2 tie when Randy Wolf sacrificed before Rollins hit a single to right.

After hesitating to see if the ball would get out of the infield, Byrd was going to hold at third. But Sammy Sosa didn't come up with the ball, an error that allowed Byrd to score for a 3-2 Phillies lead.

Hard to imagine Maddux having jitters, but he had a shaky first inning, giving up a leadoff homer to Rollins on the game's second pitch and then another solo shot to Abreu.

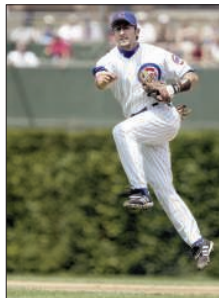
Maddux also walked Jim Thome and gave up a bloop single to David Bell, throwing 25 pitches in the first inning on an 83-degree day at Wrigley Field. The Phillies' outburst turned a raucous crowd almost completely silent.



Chicago Cubs' pitcher Greg Maddux reacts after giving up a solo home run to Philadelphia Phillies' Bobby Abreu in the first inning Sunday in Chicago. Maddux's bid for his 300th career victory was denied when he left the game after the sixth inning trailing 3-2.

But Sosa and Aramis Ramirez got the crowd back into it in a hurry with back-to-back homers off Wolf (4-7) in the second, both high shots into a 13-mph wind blowing toward left field.

It was Sosa's 562nd homer, leaving him one behind Reggie Jackson for eighth on the career list. Sandwiched around his error, Sosa also made two nice diving catches.



Chicago Cubs shortstop Nomar Garciaparra throws to first base in the first inning Sunday in Chicago. The Boston Red Sox traded Garciaparra to the Cubs on Saturday.

In the seventh, Sosa doubled and, after Ramirez walked, scored on Mark Grudzielanek's flying fly ball double to right that finished Wolf.

Reliever Rheal Cormier was greeted by pinch-hitter Jose Macias' go-ahead single. Newly acquired Todd Jones then gave up a sacrifice fly to pinch-hitter Michael Barrett to make it 5-3.

With the crowd in a thunderous "NOMAR! NOMAR!" chant, Garciaparra responded with his first hit for the Cubs, a single to left. He finished 1-for-4 with an RBI, batting second in the lineup.

Kent Mercker (2-0) got one out for the win. LaTroy Hawkins pitched the ninth for his 16th save in 20 chances.

The Phillies loaded the bases in the eighth with no outs but didn't score when Mike Remlinger escaped the jam.

Maddux went 194-88 in 11 seasons with the Braves after leaving Chicago in 1992 — he got in a salary dispute with the Cubs after winning the first of four straight NL Cy Young Awards.

"The greatest control of any pitcher I've ever seen in my life. The greatest pitcher of our generation," Braves pitching coach Leo Mazzone has said.

Twins' Santana outduels Martinez as newcomer Cabrera has rocky Red Sox debut

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